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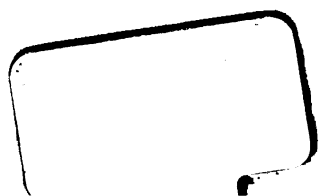
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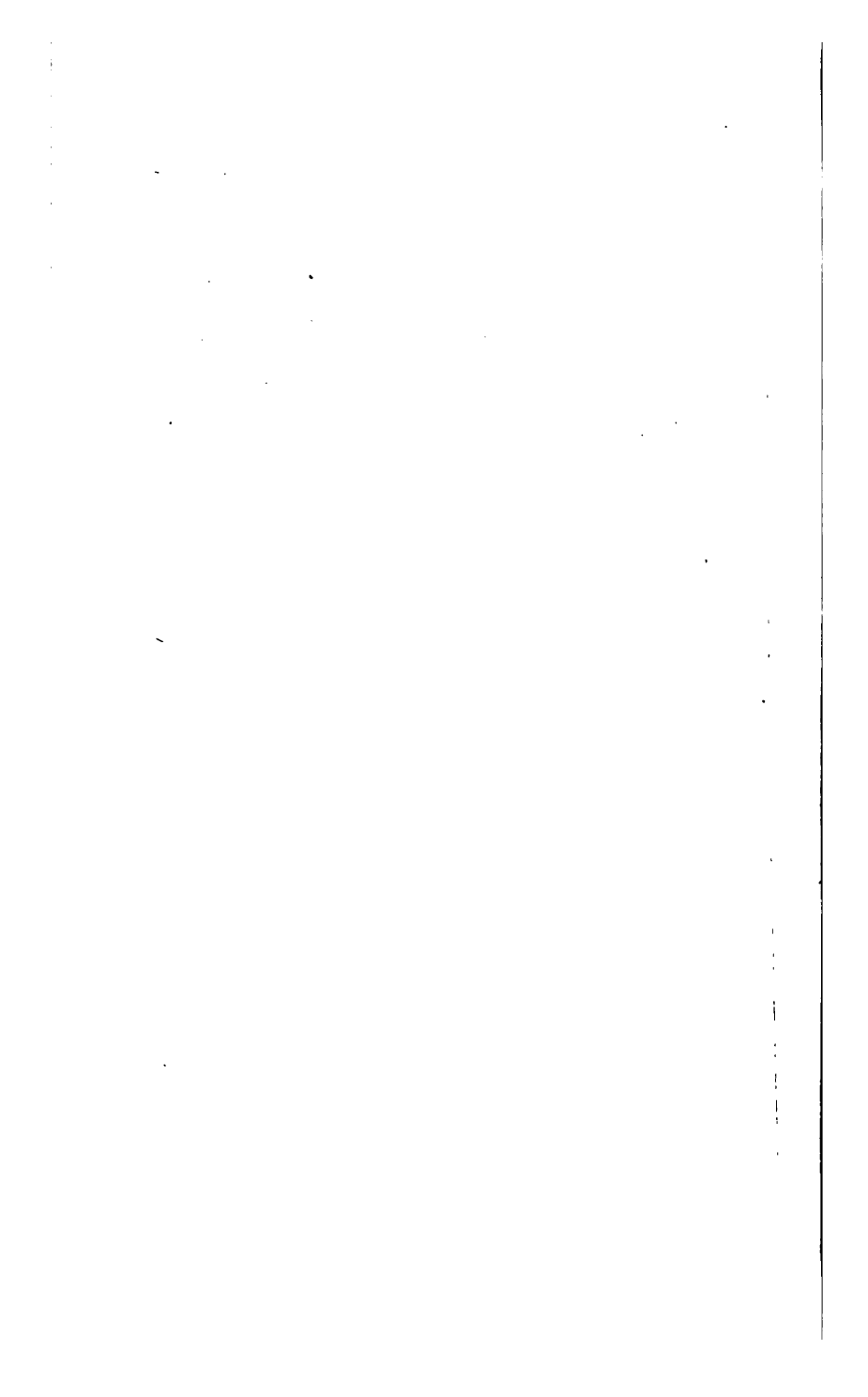
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## INTRODUCTORY.

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This handbook, containing the results of twenty years' experience in genealogical research in Great Britain, owes its inception to the urgent suggestions of my revered friend, Hon. George F. Hoar, late Senator from Massachusetts, who, for several years before his lamented death, pressed me to put my notes into such form as would make them available to our collaborators in genealogical investigations.

The first fruit of this suggestion was a hastily written, and therefore most imperfect, magazine article,\* which has been reprinted in pamphlet, but proved so defective that, rather than amend it by corrigenda, it seemed better to entirely rewrite and publish it in a more compact and convenient form for ready reference.

The earlier essay was also written entirely with a view to the aid of the American student, but the very cordial reception which it has met at the hands of my English friends has decided me to so enlarge its scope as to be of equal service to those whose connections lie altogether in the Mother Country.

It should be understood that this little book makes no pretence to rank with, far less to supersede, the monumental works of Marshall, Rye, Gatfield, Scargill-Bird, Phillimore, Sims, Grimaldi, and others of the masters of their craft; it is, on the contrary, only a primer for the beginner, leading him up to the study of these genealogical classics.

The plan of the Tables of the Probate Courts, Marriage Licences, etc., is original, and they will, I think, be found as great a help to others as they have been to me. The Map of the Probate Districts, which is reduced from the official map, will also be found useful.

To the kind friends who have aided me in the construction and

\*The N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, vols. lviii and lix.

correction of this manual I tender my sincere thanks, they are too many to enumerate, but I must express a special obligation to Mr. George E. Cokaigne, Clarencieux King of Arms, the Nestor of English Genealogists, to whom I am indebted for many corrections of form and fact. For the errors which will still, no doubt, be found, I ask the kind indulgence and invite the criticism of my readers, who have my best wishes for the success of their investigations.

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## GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

## IN ENGLAND, SCOTLAND AND IRELAND.

A very large and, happily, constantly increasing number of persons, both in Great Britain and America, are beginning to take a deep interest in genealogy and are no longer disposed to rest content with the names of their grandparents or the vague tradition that their forefathers were very good people indeed somewhere or other at some time in the past. The diffusion of education and intelligence has raised the standard, not of living alone, but of thinking as well, and rare indeed are the self respecting people of today who are satisfied to remain in utter ignorance of their origin.

To America must be given the credit for the inception of this movement; in fact there has never been a time when the cultured American of the Old Stock has not prided himself on his proven descent from Colonial Ancestry, while of late years the rapid growth of the Patriotic Societies in the United States (whose first requirement for admission is a pedigree as clearly proved as the College of Arms would exact) has given a great impetus to the study of the past, but in too large a proportion of the old American families the pedigree, while running with perfect clearness to the coast, and chronicling the arrival of the emigrant prepositor at a certain date, or even by a certain ship, loses itself in the waters of the Atlantic, and comes to an abrupt halt with not even a hint of the English ancestry of the founder of the line. Few, I hope none, of the American people are indifferent to their heritage of Anglo-Saxon blood, and their share in the glorious history of the English people, a history that is equally their own to the eventful year of 1776; but most of those who compile their family genealogies have shrunk before the task of grappling with the English records, or perhaps, having fallen at the outset into the hands of some of the too frequent unscrupulous adventurers who make a fat living by preying on the unwary, are deterred from further effort by the apparently enormous expense attendant on such investigation.

The English investigator is forced to start in the race with his American Cousin for an ancestor, with a formidable handicap

in the fact that, while the latter can trace his pedigree with comparative ease and certainty among the American Records in almost all cases through the dark days of the Civil War and Restoration in the 17th Century, and the slovenly records of the 18th, the English Archives for these periods were at their worst since the Middle Ages and the Wars of the Roses. Even these apparently hopeless chasms may be bridged, however, by patient industry, and the great facilities which are now offered to the student for exhaustive examination, as, for example, the careful reading of every will of a certain locality, will often make it possible to reconstruct the pedigree of a family of whom not a will or a single Parish Register entry of the name remains.

A word may here be in order as to the preparation of the searcher himself for his task. I should strongly advise a few months' careful study of the ancient handwritings, particularly those of the 16th and 17th centuries, for which Wright\* may be cited as an invaluable text book. Some knowledge of Latin is a *sine qua non*, as a large proportion of the records are written in that language, and it should be remembered that it is not the Latin of Cicero and Virgil, but the debased monkish tongue of the middle ages, that we have to deal with. A set of Du Cange's Dictionary† will prove an invaluable aid in the translation of this, while a thorough mastery of the more usual forms of abbreviation is essential to success.

Ink is forbidden in all of the public offices except the British Museum, so the searcher should provide himself with pencils and note books; a good reading glass is important, tracing paper or cloth to be used for signatures where permitted, "heel ball" and soft white paper for taking rubbings of monumental brasses, tombstones, etc. For very rough and weather-worn stones still thinner paper, and soot bag will often give a good copy where the "heel ball" is useless. For country expeditions, and indeed for desk work also, the half-inch reduced ordinance maps will be found invaluable; they are mounted on linen, folded for the pocket, and sold at a very low price. The whole of England and Wales is covered by sixty-two of these maps, Scotland by twenty-nine and Ireland by five, from which selections can be made of the localities to be explored. If we add the essentials of perseverance

\*Court Hand Restored, by Andrew Wright, 9th edition, 1879.

†Glossarium Mediae et Infimae Latinitatis par. C. Du Fresne, Seign. Du Cange, 10 vols, 4to, 1884-88 (last and best edition).

and an unwearied stock of patience, the beginner will find himself well equipped to attack the problem of his ancestry in the ancient home of his race, with every prospect of success.

It goes without saying that all possible information should be had at the outset. Collect and collate all family records, printed matter bearing on the subject,\* traditions, (the latter to be treated with great caution) and other evidences at hand and, if possible, locate the county and parish where the earliest known ancestor was resident. If this last fact can be certainly ascertained the rest is relatively easy; if not a general search must be made until some clue is found which will lead to the desired locality, but even when no such clue can be obtained, there is no reason for despair,—“*Nil tam difficile est, quin quaerendo investigari possit.*”†

## ENGLAND

In the following pages I shall endeavor to give a brief review of those English records from which the best results are to be hoped, and to which the attention of the searcher should be particularly directed.

Pre-eminent among these come the Probate Records, and, first in importance of them, the Prerogative Court of the Archbishop of Canterbury. This splendid collection of testamentary evidences embraces wills in every part of England and Wales, and dates from the year 1383, continuing in unbroken sequence to 1858, when this Court was dissolved and the present order of things instituted. The wide scope of its jurisdiction makes its search absolutely essential, and it is best to commence all work here, no matter what is done later. Consultation of these wills, under certain necessary restrictions, is free to all literary inquirers, to within a century of our own time, beyond which they are closed except on payment of fees. Applications for permits addressed to the Registrar General, at Somerset House, Strand, London, with proper credentials, will receive prompt and courteous attention; and at the same office permission may be obtained for search in all the minor and local Courts, of which hereafter.

Much of the former laborious work of searching the MS. Calen-

\*Consult Marshall's Guide for English, Durrie's Index for American, genealogies.

†Terence.

dars, or indices, has now been superseded by the labors of various antiquaries and learned societies. From 1383 to 1604 the names and descriptions of all the testators in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury have been printed by the British Record Society,\* which has now in hand the period from 1605 to 1619. From 1620 to 1630 the series of abstracts now being edited by the writer will serve the double purpose of an index to testators and a cross reference to all names in the wills of the period; while from 1630 to 1650 the Probate Act Books now being issued by J. & G. F. Matthews, of London, will carry on the index to the period of the Civil War. From this time, recourse must be had to the MS. Calendars, and it should always be borne in mind that many years subsequent to the Emigration should be consulted, for possible references to kinsfolk in America. The Administrations in this Court date from 1383, although the recently discovered earlier years (before 1558) are not yet accessible to the public.† The calendars to these have not been printed, and they must all be searched in the MS. Calendars; before 1631 they are kept in separate books, after that date in the same index with the wills; although of less value than the wills, *it is not wise to neglect them.*

Second in importance comes the Exchequer and Prerogative Court of York, having jurisdiction in all the Northern counties. Dating from 1389, these records are nearly perfect, except for the period of the Commonwealth (1650-1660), when all wills in England were proved before the Judges at Westminster and are now enrolled in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, which, it must be remembered, was the case with *all* of the local Courts. The indices of this Court are now in process of publication by the Yorkshire Archaeological Society, and, except for brief gaps in the records, are complete (wills and administrations), 1389 to 1627, and 1636 to 1652.‡ The period 1627 to 1636 is to be covered by a forthcoming volume.

In both of these Prerogative Courts there occur "Sede Vacante," or Vacancy Wills, during the periods when the respective Sees, from death or other causes, have been vacated. In the Court at York these will be found among the records of the Dean

\*Index Lib., Vols. x, xi, xviii, xxv.

†My authority for the finding of these early Admons., was my friend Mr. Ernest Cheyne of Somerset House, who was preparing them for consultation at the time of his lamented death.

‡See York Arch. Soc., Record Series, vols. iv, vi, xi, xiv, xix, xxii, xxiv, xxvi, xxviii, xxxii.

and Chapter, but in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury they must be sought for in the Wills at Lambeth Palace Library (1313 to 1644), and in the Vacancy Wills of the Dean and Chapter at Canterbury\* (to 1486), dealing also with the local Consistories. Other Courts having a subordinate jurisdiction to the Prerogative Court of Canterbury are the Court of Delegates,† at Somerset House, dating from 1650, which was a Court of Appeal from the Provincial Courts and Royal Peculiars, and the Arches Court of Canterbury at Lambeth (1661), also a Court of Appeal.

The Dioceses of Chester, Peterborough, Oxford, Gloucester and Bristol, being formed by Henry VIII., the Testamentary Records of these parts of England before that period are to be found for Chester at York and Lichfield, for Peterborough at Lincoln, for Gloucester at Worcester, for Bristol at Worcester and Salisbury, and for Oxford at Lincoln.

A calendar of the wills at Lambeth has been printed in *The Genealogist*;‡ beside the Vacancy Wills, they contain many others of testators in all parts of the Diocese of Canterbury.

The jurisdiction of the two great Prerogative Courts is broadly divided by a line from the Wash to the Mersey, the Archbishopric of Canterbury covering all England and Wales South of that line, and the Archbishopric of York all to the North, but the wills of many testators in the Northern counties are to be found in the Canterbury Court, while the reverse of this is not the case at York.

Wills of Roman Catholics will be found in the Close Rolls in the Public Record office; and at Stonyhurst College, in Mitton, co. Lancaster, are wills most, but not all, of which are those of Jesuits. A list of these will be found in the Historical Manuscripts Commission Reports.§ In the Public Record Office also will be found many other wills in the Enrollments of Patents, Assignment Books, Warrant Books of Pell Office, Privy Seal, and Inquisitions Post Mortem, while still other classes of documents also contain wills and administrations, but no general lists are obtainable, and the labor of seeking them all out would be hopeless.||

\*See Hist. MSS. Rep. VIII, App. 332; *ibid.* Various Colls. I, p. 209 and Gen. vi, 48.

†The Processes in these cases are in the Public Record Office. List of Wills in Gen. N. S. xi, 165, 224, xii, 97.

‡See Gen. v, 211, 324; vi, 23, 127, 217; vii, 204, 271; N. S. I, 80.

§See Hist. MSS. Com. Rep. X, App. iv, p. 183.

||A partial list of these in *Genealogist* N. S. I, 266, II, 59, 279, III, 122, 185, 220—unfortunately discontinued.

Wills of sailors, after 1660, may be found in the Records of the Admiralty Court in the Public Record Office.

In the Muniment Room at Westminster are filed a large number of wills (1307-1674) of testators in all parts of the country. Some of these, but probably not all, may be found registered in various Courts.\* The Earl of Ashburnham's Collection of Manuscripts contains three volumes of sixteenth and seventeenth century wills† (mostly original), and many others no doubt exist in other private collections, as well as in the great libraries.

If the county from which the ancestor came be known, or if the inquirer has had the good fortune to obtain such clues in the Prerogative Court as indicate the place of his origin, the next step will be to search the local Courts of that region *thoroughly* as no search is complete which does not exhaust these, the wills of testators in every Diocese being often found in both.

At this point comes one of the most difficult steps to the beginner, as the many interlacing jurisdictions of Consistories, Archdeaconries, Prebends, and, well named, Peculiars, make a maze in which he may easily become bewildered. In the following table I have endeavored to show clearly what Courts have jurisdiction in each county, where the records are to be found, and the date of the earliest *continuous* registration in such Court. Where only a few scattered early wills occur (as in the Archdeaconry of Dorset), I have usually omitted them, placing the date at a point where it will be of real value. For those who desire more detail, I would refer to the two exhaustive Reports to the House of Commons in 1830 and 1845,† which enumerate the parishes in each jurisdiction, and the admirable little handbook of Dr. Marshall's,‡ to which I am greatly indebted in this compilation.

\*Hist. MSS. Com. Rep. IV, App. p. 197.

†Hist. MSS. Com. Rep. VIII, App. pt. iii, p. 29.

‡See the Ret. of Ecclesiastical Cts., Hou. of Com. Sessional Papers, 1830, No. 205, vol. xix, p. 47, and 1845, No. 249, vol. xxxvi, p. 347, also Pub. Rec. Report, 1837. Dr. Marshall's Handbook of Anc. Cts. of Prob., pp. 10-11, and Mr. J. C. C. Smith's introduction to vol. x, Brit. Rec. Soc.

‡Handbook to the Ancient Courts of Probate, by George W. Marshall, 2d ed., 1895.



## PROBATE JURISDICTIONS.

COUNTY.	COURTS.	LOCATION.	EARLIEST DATE.
<b>ANGLESEA.</b>			
	Consistory of Bangor.	Bangor.	1634
<b>BEDFORD.</b>			
	Archdeaconry of Bedford.	Northampton.	1496
	No index until 1536.		
	Registers of the Bishops of Lincoln.	Alnwick Tower, Lincoln.	1320
	See note under Lincoln.		
	Consistory of Lincoln.	Lincoln.	1506
	See note under Lincoln.		
	Prebend of Biggleswade.	{ Lincoln. 1639 to 1740 Northampton. 1712	
	Peculiar of Leighton Buzzard.	Somerset House.	1736
	Archdeaconry of Northampton.	Northampton.	1510
	(Contains a few Bedford wills.)		
	See note under Northampton.		
	Consistory of Peterborough.	Peterborough.	1608
	(Contains a few Bedford wills.)		
<b>BERKS.</b>			
	Archdeaconry of Berks.	Somerset House.	1508
	Earliest extant document 1480.		
	Index to 1650 printed by British Record Society, vol. viii, 1893.		
	Consistorial of Sarum.	Somerset House.	1550
	Dean of Sarum.	Somerset House.	1558
	(Has 7 parishes in Berks, Arborfield, Blewbury, Hurst, Ruscombe, Sonning, Sandhurst and Wokingham.)		
	Peculiar of Dean and Canons of Windsor.	Somerset House.	1668
	(Has 4 parishes in Berks, East Ilsley, Hungerford, Shalborne, Wantage.)		
	Prebend of Langford.	Somerset House.	1607
	See also under Oxford.		
	Prebend of Farringdon.	Somerset House.	1607
	Peculiar of Sonning, Wokingham, Hurst, Ruscombe, Arborfield and Sandhurst.	Somerset House.	1538

**BRECKNOCK.**

Archdeaconry of Brecon.	Hereford.	1625
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**BRISTOL.**

Consistory of Bristol.	Bristol.	1572
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28 → All wills in this court between 1542 and 1572 have been lost. A few, however, may be found in Consistory of Gloucester, q. v.

Consistory of Worcester.	Worcester.	1451
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(Has Bristol wills before 1541.)

See note under Worcester.

Index to 1792 printed by British Record Society, vol. xvii, 1897.

Great Orphan Books.

Index ut supra. Abstracts of 1st vol. printed by Bristol and Gloucester Archaeological Society, edited by T. P. Wadley, 1886.

Council House.	{ 1379 to 1674
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Consistorial Episcopal of Bath and Wells.

(Parishes of St. Thomas and St. Mary Redcliffe, before 1542.)

Wells.	1528
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**BUCKS.**

Archdeaconry of Bucks.	Somerset House.	1483
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Dean and Chapter of Lincoln.	Lincoln.	1271
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Registers of Bishops of Lincoln.	Alnwick Tower,	
See note under Lincoln.	Lincoln.	1320

Consistory of Lincoln.	Lincoln.	1506
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See note under Lincoln.

Archdeaconry of St. Albans.	Somerset House.	1415
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(Has 5 parishes in Bucks, Aston Abbots, Little Horwood, Granborough, Tingewick, Winslow cum Shipton.)

Peculiar of Bierton.	Somerset House.	1589
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(Has 4 parishes in Bucks, Bier-ton, Buckland, Quarrendon and Stoke Mandeville.)

Peculiar of Aylesbury.	Somerset House.	1701
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Peculiar of Bucks.	Somerset House.	1701
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Peculiar of Monks Risborough and Newington.	Somerset House.	1589
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Peculiar of Thame.	Somerset House.	1589
(Parish of Towersey only.)		
Peculiar of Eton College.	Eton College.	....
<b>CAMBRIDGE.</b>		
Consistory of Peterborough.	Peterborough.	1608
Consistory of Ely.	Peterborough.	1449
See Vacancy Wills in Dean and Chapter of Canterbury.		
Consistory of Archdeacon of Ely.	Peterborough.	1451
(Includes Cambridge town.)		
Chancellor of University of Cambridge.	Peterborough.	{ 1501 to 1765
See Harleian MSS., 7030, p. 307, and 7033, p. 200, in Brit. Mus.		
Peculiar of Isleham and Freckenham.	Peterborough.	1525
Peculiar of Kings College.	Kings College.	1451
Peculiar of Thorney.	Peterborough.	1774
Registers of Bishops of Ely.	Muniment Room, Ely.	1478
Calendars printed by A. Gibbons, 1891, in Ely Episcopal Registers, pp. 15, 193, 432. See also Harleian MS. 7043, pp. 153, 265, and Additional MS. 5861, p. 3, at British Museum.		
Commissary of Bury St. Edmunds.	Bury St. Edmunds.	1354
See note under Suffolk.		
Consistory of Norwich.	Norwich.	1370
(Has 12 parishes in Cambridge.)		
<b>CARDIGAN.</b>		
Consistorial Episcopal of St. Davids.	Carmarthen.	1560
Archdeaconry of Cardigan.	Carmarthen.	1746
<b>CARMARTHEN.</b>		
Consistorial Episcopal of St. Davids.	Carmarthen.	1560
Index from 1600 only.		
Archdeaconry of St. Davids.	Carmarthen.	1746
<b>CARNARVON.</b>		
Consistory of Bangor.	Bangor.	1634
Consistory of St. Asaph.	St. Asaph.	1565
(Has 2 parishes in Carnarvon.)		
See note under Denbigh.		

**CHESHIRE.**

Exchequer and Prerogative Court of York.	York.	1389
(For Cheshire wills before 1521.)		
Enrollment Books and Files.	Diocesan Registry, Chester.	1487
List of vols. I and II in Lanc. and Ches. Rec. Soc., vol ii, p. xi.		
Index to Wills at Diocesan Registry, Chester, 1487-1620, by W. F. Irvine, 1896, Lanc. and Ches. Rec., xxxiii; 1621-1700 in progress.		
Consistory of Lichfield.	Lichfield.	1516
(A few Cheshire wills before 1521.)		
Consistory Court of Chester.	Chester.	1487
Index to 1800 by Lancashire and Cheshire Record Society, vols. ii, iv, xv, xviii, xx, xxii, xxv, xxxvii, xlii, and xlv; and abstracts of wills by Chetham Society, vols. xxxiii, li, liv, N. S. iii,* xxvii and xxxviii.		
See abstracts in Harl. MS. 2067 in Brit. Mus. and Dodsworth MS., vol. xx, Bodleian Lib., Oxford.		
Rural Deans (12).	Chester.	1660
Index <i>ut supra</i> .		

**CORNWALL.**

Consistorial Archidiaconal of Cornwall.	Bodmin.	1569
Royal Peculiar of St. Buryan.	Bodmin.	1603
Includes Peculiars of St. Levan and St. Senan.		
Consistorial of Exeter.	Exeter.	1557
(Has 23 parishes in Cornwall.)		
See note under Devon.		
Dean and Chapter of Exeter.	Exeter.	1547
(Has 6 parishes in Cornwall, St. Agnes, Boconnock, Broad Oak, St. Nighton, Perranzabuloe and St. Winnow.)		

**CUMBERLAND.**

Consistory of Carlisle.	Carlisle.	1564
Registers of Bishops of Carlisle.	Cathedral Muni- ment Room.	1353
List in Hist. MSS. Com. Rep. IX,		

\*This volume contains abstracts of 200 wills now missing from Chester Cons. Ct., see pt. ii, p. 198.

App., 196, and abstracts 1353 to 1386, printed by R. S. Ferguson in Cumberland and Westmoreland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society, 1893.

Consistory of Durham.	Durham.	1540
(Has Alston parish only.)		
Deanery of Coneland.	Somerset House.	....
Archdeaconry of Richmond.	Somerset House.	1457
(Has a few Cumberland wills.)		

#### DENBIGH.

Consistory of St. Asaph.	St. Asaph.	1565
Index 1565 to 1583 printed by Powis Land Club, vol. xvi, p. 299.		
Consistory of Bangor.	Bangor.	1634
(Has 19 Denbigh parishes.)		
Consistory of Chester.	Chester.	1545
Consistory of Lichfield.	Lichfield.	1516
See note under Stafford.		

#### DERBY.

Consistory of Lichfield.	Lichfield.	1516
See note under Stafford.		
Dean and Chapter of Lichfield.	Litchfield.	1461
See note under Stafford.		
Consistory of Worcester.	Worcester.	1451
For wills before 1542.		
Deanery of Hartington.	Lichfield.	1679
Peculiar of Peak Forest.	Lichfield.	1647
Prebend of Sawley.	Lichfield.	1712
Peculiar of Dale Abbey.	Derby.	1753

#### DEVON.

Episcopal Principal Registry.	Exeter.	1559
Index to 1790 by British Record Society in progress.		
Consistorial Court of Exeter.	Exeter.	1557
Dean and Chapter of Exeter.	Exeter.	1547
Some wills of this Court are still in Chapter Archives.*		
Archdeaconry of Barum. (Barnstable.)	Exeter.	1563
Archdeaconry of Exeter.	Exeter.	1540

Index to 1799 by British Record Society in progress.

\*Ex teste W. E. Mugford, recently clerk to Bishop's Registrar.

Archdeaconry of Totnes.	Exeter.	1600
(Old Calendars from 1513.)		
Dean of Exeter.	Exeter.	1634
(Has psh. of Braunton and Cath. Close only.)		
Vicars Choral.	Exeter.	1633
(Parish of Woodbury only.)		
Prebend of Uffculm (Diocese of Sarum).	Somerset House.	1623
Registers of Bishops of Exeter.	Diocesan Registry.	1257
Abstracts printed to 1415 of "Bronescombe" 1889, and "Staf- ford" 1886, by F. C. H. Randolph.		
Mayor's Court of Exeter.	Guildhall.	1263
Contains a great many wills to about 1467, after that a smaller number to reign of Henry VII., when they end.		
King's Court or Customary Court of the City of Exeter.	Guildhall.	1281
Contains wills relating to tene- ments in City of Exeter. See abstracts printed by Samuel Izacke, 1736; also list in Anti- quities of Exeter by same, 1681, p. 21, et seq.		
See selected abstracts of Devonshire Wills by C. Worthy, 1896, and Extracts from Wills of Parishes of Shute and Colyton, by S. A. Smith, privately printed.*		

**DORSET.**

Archdeaconry of Dorset.	Blandford.	1681
A few scattering wills 1568. .		
Index printed by British Record Society vol. xxii, 1900, of all wills at Blandford, including the Peculiars, to 1792.		
Consistory of Bristol, Dorset Di- vision.	Blandford.	1681
Peculiar of Sturminster Marshall.	Blandford.	1641
Peculiar of Corfe Castle.	Blandford.	1577
See note in Brit. Rec. Soc. xxii, p. ix of introduction.		
Peculiar of Great Canford and Poole.	Blandford.	1650
Royal Peculiar of Milton Abbas.	Blandford.	1694

\*See Notes on Exeter Registry, by Mrs. F. B. Troup, in Transactions of Devon. Asso., 1901, vol. xxxiii, p. 510.

Peculiar of Wimborne Minster.	Blandford.	1511
Dean of Sarum.	Somerset House.	1537
(Has 27 parishes in Dorset.)		
Dean and Chapter of Sarum.	Somerset House.	1606
(Has parish of Stourpaine only.)		
Prebend of Chardstock and Wambrook.	Somerset House.	1639
Prebend of Forthington and Writhlington.	Somerset House.	1660
Prebend of Yetminster and Grimstone.	Somerset House.	1654
(Has chapelries of Chetnole and Leigh.)		
Prebend of Lyme Regis and Halstock.	Somerset House.	1664
Royal Peculiar of Gillingham.	Somerset House.	1660
(Has chapelries of Bourton and Motcombe.)		
Prebend of Netherbury.	Somerset House.	1670
Prebend of Preston and Sutton, Pointz.	Somerset House.	1661
Abstracts of all Administrations for Dorset in Prerogative Court of Canterbury (1558 to 1725) have been printed by G. S. Fry in Somerset and Dorset Notes and Queries, vol. ii, 1891, p. 14, to vi., p. 356.		

**DURHAM.**

Consistory of Durham.	Durham.	1540
Registers of Dean and Chapter.	Durham.	1311
See Surtees Society, vols. ii and xxxviii, for selections of wills 1311 to 1599.		

**ESSEX.**

Archdeaconry of Essex.	Somerset House.	1420
Act Books from 1558 only.		
Commissary of London for Essex and Herts.	Somerset House.	1514
Act Books 1561-2 and from 1619, Registers from 1553.		
Commissary of London.	Somerset House.	1374
(Has 8 parishes in Essex, Chingford, Epping, Leighton, Loughton, Nazing, Waltham Holy Cross, Walthamstow and Woodford.)		

Consistory of London.	Somerset House.	1361
Deanery of Bocking. (Has 6 parishes in Essex, Bocking, Borley, Latchingdon, Stisted, Southchurch and Little Coggeshall.)	Somerset House.	1627
Archdeaconry of Colchester.	Somerset House.	1500
Archdeaconry of Middlesex for Essex and Herts. Act Books from 1660 only. (Has 37 parishes in Essex.)	Somerset House.	1554
Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's. (Has 6 parishes in Essex, St. Andrew Heybridge, Barling, Belchamp St. Pauls, Navestock, Tillingham and Wickham St. Pauls.)	Somerset House.	1537
Royal Peculiar Dean and Chapter of Westminster. (Has parish of St. Mary, Maldon, only.)	Somerset House.	1504
Peculiar of Good Easter.	Somerset House.	1613
Peculiar of Hornchurch and Havering-atte-Bower. (Only 1 will remains.)	New College, Oxford.	....
Peculiar of Writtle with Roxwell. Admons. from 1661, wills from 1689 only.	Somerset House.	1661
Peculiar of the Sokens. (Has 3 parishes in Essex, Kirby-le-Soken, Walton-le-Soken and Thorpe-le-Soken.)	Ipswich.	1571
Archdeaconry of Suffolk. (Has a few Essex wills.) See note under Suffolk.	Ipswich.	1444

A few Essex wills, 1360 to 1610, are in the muniments of the family of Neville of Holt. See note under Leicester.

#### FLINT.

Consistory of St. Asaph. See note under Denbigh.	St. Asaph.	1565
Consistory of Chester. See note under Chester.	Chester.	1545
Consistory of Lichfield. See note under Stafford.	Lichfield.	1516



Peculiar of Hawarden.	St. Asaph.	1558
<b>GLAMORGAN.</b>		
Consistorial of Llandaff.	Llandaff.	1590
Consistorial Episcopal of St. Davids.	Carmarthen.	1560
(Has 23 parishes in Glam.)		
<b>GLOUCESTER.</b>		
Consistory of Gloucester.	Gloucester.	1541
A few wills (92) exist between 1509 and 1541.		
Index printed by British Record Society 1541 to 1650, vol. xii, 1895; 1660 to 1799 in progress.		
Consistory of Worcester.	Worcester.	1451
(Has Gloucester wills before 1541.)		
See note under Worcester.		
Gloucester Municipal Records.	Corn Exchange,	
(Have a few wills.) See Hist. MSS. Com. Rep. XII, App. ix, p. 415.	Gloucester.	1454
Peculiar of Bibury.	{ Somerset House.	1590
		1665
Peculiar of Bishops Cleeve.	Gloucester.	1635
Consistory of Bristol.	Bristol.	1572
(Has 16 parishes in Gloucestershire.)		
Great Orphan Books.	Council House,	
(Have a few Gloucester wills.)	Bristol.	1379
See note under Bristol.		
<b>HAMPSHIRE.</b>		
Consistory of Winchester.*	Winchester.	1502
See also Vacancy Wills in Dean and Chapter of Canterbury.		
Archdeaconry of Winchester.	Winchester.	1537
Peculiar of Alverstoke.	Winchester.	1612
Donative Court of No. Baddesley.	Winchester.	1692
Peculiar of Bishops Waltham.	Winchester.	1625
Peculiar of Calbourne.	Winchester.	1612

\*This Court probably contains also the Peculiar of the Deans of Andover, Basingstoke, Droxford, Fordingbridge, Somborne, Southampton, Isle of Wight and Winchester, which were known to exist in 1828, but now indistinguishable from the Consistory records.

Peculiar of Fawley with Exbury.	Winchester.	....
Peculiar of Ringwood with Har- bridge.	Winchester.	1691
Peculiar of East Woodhay with Askmansworth.	Winchester.	1612
Peculiar of Alresford with Med- stead and New Alresford.	Winchester.	....
Peculiar of Cheriton with Kilmar- ton and Tichbourne.	Winchester.	1613
Liber Niger, or Black Book.	Southampton.	{ 1383 to 1570
See Hist. MSS. Com. Rep. XI, App. pt. ii, pp. 8-14.		
Great Book of Andover.	Andover.	1569
See Archives of Andover, by R. H. Clutterbuck, 1891.		
Archdeaconry of Berks.	Somerset House.	1508
(Has a few Hants. Wills.)		
See note under Berks.		

**HEREFORD.**

Consistorial of Hereford.	Hereford.	1517
(Calendars to letter E only.)		
Consistorial of the Dean.	Hereford.	1558
Archdeaconry of Brecon.	Hereford.	1625
Peculiar of Upper Bullinghope.	Hereford.	1608
Peculiar of Little Hereford with Ashford Carbonell.	Hereford.	1662
Peculiar of Moreton Magna.	Hereford.	1668
Corporation of Hereford.	Town Hall.	1378
(A few will abstracts in Hist. MSS. Com. Rep. XIII, App. pt. iv, pp. 302-343.)		
Consistorial Episcopal of St. Davids.	Carmarthen.	1560
Said to have some Hereford wills, but quere?		

**HERTS.**

Commissary of London for Essex and Herts.	Somerset House.	1514
Act Books 1561-2 and from 1619 only, Registers 1553.		
(Has 7 parishes in Herts, Brox- bourne with Hoddesdon, Great and Little Hadham, Little Hor- mead, Royston and Bishop's Stortford.)		

Archdeaconry of St. Albans.	Somerset House.	1415
See abstracts by W. Brigg, in Herts. Genealogist and Anti- quary, i, 44, <i>et seq.</i>		
Consistory of Peterborough.	Peterborough.	1608
(Herts. wills 1608 to 1615 only.)		
Peculiar of Dean and Chapter of St. Pauls.	Somerset House.	1537
(Has 3 parishes in Herts, Brent Pelham, Ferneux Pelham and Albury.)		
Archdeaconry of Huntingdon	Peterborough.	{ 1479 to 1573
Contains Herts wills before 1573 only. See note under Herts.		
Ditto. Hitchin Division.	Somerset House.	1566
Contains Herts wills before 1573 only. See note under Herts.		
(Has 77 parishes in Herts.)		
See abstracts of Herts. wills, Regs. III and IV, 1579-1614, printed by W. Brigg, in Herts. Genealogist and Antiquary, ii, 29, to iii, 357.		
Archdeaconry of Middlesex for Essex and Herts.	Somerset House.	1554
Act Books from 1660 only.		
(Has 25 parishes in Herts.)		
See abstracts printed by W. Brigg in Herts. Genealogist and An- tiquary, i, 33, <i>et seq.</i>		
Consistory of London.	Somerset House.	1361
See abstracts, as above, ii, 9, <i>et seq.</i>		
Registers of Bishops of Lincoln.	Alnwick Tower,	
See note under Lincoln.	Lincoln.	1320
Consistory of Lincoln.	Lincoln.	1506
See note under Lincoln.		

## HUNTS.

Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.	Peterborough.	1479
Index in Brit. Rec. Soc. in progress.	Somerset House.	{ 1573 1583
Peculiar of Brampton.	Peterborough.	1546
Prebend of Buckden.	Peterborough.	1661
Peculiar of Leighton Bromswold.	Peterborough.	1738
Prebend of Long Stow.	Peterborough.	1667
Consistory of Lincoln.	Lincoln.	1506
See note under Lincoln.		

**KENT.**

Consistory of Canterbury.	Canterbury.	1362
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*This court must not be confounded with the Prerogative Court of Canterbury.*

Archdeaconry of Canterbury.	Canterbury.	1449
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Commissary of Dean and Chapter of Canterbury.	Canterbury.	{ 1348 to 1503
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See List in Hist. MSS. Com. Rep. VIII, App. p. 332; IX, App. p. 109; *ibid.*, Various Coll. I, p. 209, and Gen. vi, 48.

Peculiar of Cliffe.	Somerset House.	1671
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Consistory and Archdeaconry of Rochester.	Somerset House.	1440
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Archdeaconry Acts 1635 and Consistory Acts 1664 only.

Peculiar of Deanery of Shoreham.	Somerset House.	1629
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Admons. and Pro. Acts from 1629, Wills from 1664 only.

See Arches of London, Shoreham and Croyden.

(Has 32 parishes in Kent.)

See index of Kent wills in Prerogative Court of Canterbury, 1383 to 1559, by Leland L. Duncan, 1890, and Administrations, 1559-1605, by the same, 1888.

**LANCASTER.**

Consistory of Commissary of Archdeaconry of Richmond.	Somerset House.	1457
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Registered wills from 1540. Amounderness Act Books 1669, and Furness, Kendall and Lonsdale from 1712 only.

Printed index 1457 to 1792 in Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire, vols. x, xiii, xxiii.\*

See Surtees Soc. xxvii, 1853, for 19 Lancashire wills in this Court 1467 to 1576, see note under Yorkshire.

\*Most (about 20,000) of the Deanery of Amounderness Wills in this Archdeaconry are lost, but abstracts of about 3,000 of them, made in 1680, are preserved in Additional MS. 32,115, at British Museum. See also the Towneley Collection formerly at Burneley, MS. xxxiii. See Hist. MSS. Com. Rep. IV, App. p. 409. These MSS. are now in the British Museum. After 1748 the Archdeaconry records may be found at Lancaster.

Consistory of Chester.	Chester.	1545
Printed index to 1800, see note under Chester.		
Enrollment Books and Files.	Diocesan Registry, Chester.	1487
See note under Cheshire.		
The Chetham Society has printed three volumes of abstracts of Lancashire and Cheshire wills, see note under Cheshire.		
Manor Court of Halton.	Lancaster.	1615
Index printed in Lancashire and Cheshire Record Society, vol. xxiii.		
Dean and Chapter of York.	York.	1321
(Has 3 parishes in Lanc., Broughton, Kirkby Irelyth and Seathwaite.)		
Manor Court of Nether Kellet.	(Unknown.)	....
See Return of Ecclesiastical Courts, 1830, p. 131.		
Manor Court of Slyne with Hest.	(Unknown.)	....
<i>Ut supra</i> , p. 132.		
Manor Court of Skerton.	(Unknown.)	{ 1651 to 1691
Stonyhurst College.	Mitton.	
A few (5) 17th Cent. wills.		1700
See list and abstracts in Hist. MSS. Com. Rep. X, App. iv., p. 183.		

## LEICESTER.

Commissary of Bishop of Lincoln and Archdeaconry of Leicester.	Leicester.	1495
Registers from 1515. Admons. from 1556.		
Index of Wills and Ads. in all Leicester Courts (Archdeaconry 1495 to 1649, and Peculiars to 1801), printed by Brit. Rec. Soc., vol. xxvii, 1902.		
Prebend of St. Margaret.	Leicester.	1543
Registers of Bishops of Lincoln.	Alnwick Tower,	
See note under Lincoln.	Lincoln.	1320
Dean and Chapter of Lincoln.	Lincoln.	1271
A few early Leicestershire wills were proved in this Court.		
See note under Lincoln.		

Manor Court of Evington.	Leicester.	1581
Manor Court of Groby.	Leicester.	1580
Manor Court of Rothley.	Leicester.	1575
Peculiar and Manor Court of Merevale.	Lichfield.	1770
Court of Old Dalby.	(Unknown.)	....

A few wills of Leicester and other testators (1360-1610) are in the muniment chests of the family of Neville of Holt, now in possession of F. Peake, Esq. See Hist. MSS. Com. Rep. II, App. p. 94.

#### LINCOLN.

Registers of Bishops of Lincoln.	Alnwick Tower, {	1320
An index of probates from 1280 remains, but no wills before 1320.	Lincoln. }	to 1547

See Hist. MSS. Com. Rep. XII, pt. ix, p. 573, and A. Gibbons' Early Lincoln wills.

Index printed by A. Gibbons (1280-1547), 1887, and abstracts *ibid.* 1888. See also list of wills 1560-1640 in *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica N. S.*, iii, 59, and *Lincolnshire wills 1500-1617*, by A. R. Maddison, 2 vols., 1888-91.

Consistory of Lincoln, Commissary of Lincoln, and Archdeaconry of Lincoln. (Three united Courts.)	Lincoln.	1506
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A bundle of wills of Bedford, Bucks., Herts., Hunts., and Northants, Testators, mostly of earlier half of 17th Century, are deposited here. See index in *Brit. Rec. Soc.* xxviii, p. xli, introduction.

Printed index by British Record Society, 1320 to 1600, vol. xxviii, 1902, of all Lincoln Courts. Vol. II, 1601 to 1652, in progress.

Commissary of the Bishop and Court of Archdeacon of Stow.	Lincoln.	1530
Admons. from 1582 only. (Has Wapentakes of Manlake, Aslackhoe, Corringham, Well, and Lawres.)		

<b>Dean and Chapter of Lincoln.</b>	<b>Lincoln.</b>	<b>1271</b>
The earlier wills in this Court (1271-1550) have been retained in the Muniment Room of the Dean and Chapter.		
Index of wills and admons., A to R. (1634-1780) in this Court, in Notes on Visit. of Lincoln, 1634, by A. Gibbons, 1898, <i>et seq.</i> , progress arrested by illness of the author. See also Hist. MSS. Com. Rep. XII, pt. ix, p. 573.		
<b>Manor Courts of Kirkstead and Tattershall.</b>	<i>(Unknown.)</i>	<b>1752</b>
(Has Kirkstead, Kirkby on Baine, Mearbooth, Tattershall, Tattershall Thorpe and Woodhall.)		
<b>Prebend of Bishops Norton.</b>	<b>Lincoln.</b>	<b>1613</b>
(Has also town of Atterby.)		
<b>Prebend of Calstor.</b>	<b>Lincoln.</b>	<b>1636</b>
(Has also parish of Clixby and town of Holton-le-Moor.)		
Index printed in Northern Genealogist, vol. i, p. 42, 1895.		
<b>Prebend of Corringham.</b>	<b>Lincoln.</b>	<b>1632</b>
<b>Prebend of Heydour with Walton.</b>	<b>Lincoln.</b>	<b>1669</b>
(Includes Kelby and Culverthorpe.)		
<b>Peculiar of Kirton in Lindsey.</b>	<b>Lincoln.</b>	<b>1535</b>
<b>Prebend of Louth.</b>	<b>Lincoln.</b>	<b>1659</b>
A few (10) earlier wills (1612-1659) in Muniment Room of Dean and Chapter of Lincoln.		
Index printed in Northern Genealogist, vol. i, pp. 80, 162 (1895); ii, 172 (1896).		
<b>Prebend of New Sleaford.</b>	<b>Lincoln.</b>	<b>1610</b>
Some wills from this Court are in the Muniment Room of Dean and Chapter of Lincoln.		
<b>Prebend of Stow-in-Lindsey.</b>	<b>Lincoln.</b>	<b>1610</b>
(Has parish of Stow, and towns of Sturton and Normanby by Stow.)		

**Corporation of Lincoln.**

For list of wills and some abstracts see Hist. MSS. Com. Rep. XIV, App. pt. viii, pp. 23-4.

**Town Clerk's  
Office.**

**1492**

**Lincoln City Wills.**

See A. Gibbons' Early Lincoln Wills, in preface, for discovery of these.

**Minster**

**Library. 14th Cent.**

Briefs of Lincolnshire wills in P. C. C. (1558 to 1581), printed in Northern Genealogist, i, 211; ii, 23, 59, 131, 195; iii, 132; iv, 22; v, 109; vi, 23.

**LONDON.†****Prerogative Court of Canterbury.**

**Somerset House. 1383**

Prerogative Court for all England and Wales, and for persons dying beyond seas.

Both Admons. and Wills exist from 1383, but no Admons. are as yet available before 1558, being still unindexed. Earliest Original Will 1484 and files fairly complete after 1600.

Admon. Act Books complete from 1559 except 1662.

Probate Act Books complete from November, 1526, except October, 1538, to October, 1547, and 1650, 1653, 1654 and 1662.

Admon. Calendars, separate 1559 to 1630, and 1653, 1654 and 1658.

See Table of Names and dates of Register volumes, 1383 to 1840, pp. 47-52.

Vacancy Wills in P. C. C. will be found in Dean and Chapter of Canterbury. (See note under Kent).

Index 1383-1604, printed by Brit. Rec. Soc., vols. x, xi, xviii, xxv; 1605-19, in progress.

Abstracts of wills, Reg. Soame, 1620, by J. H. Lea, printed 1904; Dale, 1621, and others to 1630, in progress.

†Stray wills of Londoners are to be found in local registries in every part of the Kingdom.



Probate Act Books, by J. and G. F. Mathews, London, vol. i, 1630-1634; vol. ii, 1635-1639; 1640-1650 in progress.

Abstracts of wills, Reg. Wootton, 1658, vol. I, by Wm. Brigg, 1894; vol. II in progress.

Testamenta Vetusta, by N. H. Nicolas, London, 1826, 2 vols.\*

The Fifty Earliest English Wills in Court of Probate, London, 1387-1439, by F. J. Furnival, in Early Eng. Text. Soc., 1882.

Wills from Doctors' Commons, 1495-1695, in Camden Soc., 1863, vol. lxxxiii, by J. G. Nichols.\*

Gleanings from English Records, etc., by J. A. Emmerton and H. F. Waters, in Essex Inst., Hist. Coll., vol. xvii, pt. i., 1880.\*

Genealogical Gleanings in England, by H. F. Waters, in N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, vol. xxxvii, p. 233 (1883), to vol. liii, p. 24 (1899), reprinted with index, 1901, in 2 vols.\*

Abstracts of English Wills, by L. Withington, in N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, vol. ii, p. 297 (1897), to vol. liv, p. 348 (1900).\*

Genealogical Gleanings Among the English Archives, by J. H. Lea, in N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, vol. liv, p. 188 (1900), to lix, p. 172 (1905).\*

Indices or abstracts of wills for the different counties from the P. C. C. will be found under the county in this list.

#### Court of Delegates.

Somerset House. 1651

A Court of Appeal from the Provincial Courts of Archbishops of Cant. and York, their Peculiars, and the Royal Peculiars.

The Proceedings in these cases are in the Public Record Office.

See list of wills in Genealogist N. S., xi, 165, 224; xii, 97.

\*These abstracts are selections only.

- Arches Court of Canterbury.** **Lambeth Palace. 1661**  
 Also a Court of Appeal from all Episcopal Courts and Peculiars in the Province, but not from Royal Peculiars or Peculiars of the Archbishop.
- Archbishops Peculiar.** **Lambeth Palace Library. { 1312 to 1644**  
 Contains many wills of Ecclesiastics, great Nobles and the Royal Family. See list in Genealogist, v, 211, 324; vi, 23, 127, 217; vii, 204, 271; N. S., i, 80.
- Consistory Court of London.** **Doctor's Commons { 1362 Somerset House. { 1507**  
 Some vols. of these registers, known as the Bishops Books, i. e. Sudbury (1362) to Bonner, 1559, and Act Books, 1520 to 1685, remain in the Diocesan Registry at Doctor's Commons, but index is at Somerset House, beside these another series from 1514 and the Vicar General's Books from 1520 are at Somerset House and filed wills from 1507. See Table of the Registers at page 53.
- Commissary of London.** **Somerset House. 1374**  
 Act Books from 1496 only. See Table of the Registers at page 54.
- Archdeaconry of London.** **Somerset House. 1393**  
 An old index from 1368, admons. from 1549 only.
- Dean and Chapter of St. Pauls.** **St. Pauls Muniment Room. 1226**  
 In the Muniment Room of St. Paul's are five boxes of wills dating from 1226 to 1679, which seem never to have been surrendered to the Registrar at Somerset House. See list of these in Hist. MSS. Com. Rep. IX, App., pp. 45-48. **Somerset House. 1535**
- Peculiar of Deaneries of the Arches Court of London, Shoreham and Croydon.** **Somerset House. 1629**  
 See under Kent and Surrey.

**Archdeaconry of Middlesex, Essex and Herts.**

Act Books from 1660 only.

(Has several parishes in Middx. division of London.)

Somerset House. 1554

**Royal Peculiar of Dean and Chapter of Westminster.**

Earlier wills (1310) exist in Muniments of Westminster Abbey. See List in Hist. MSS. Com. Rep. IV, p. 197.

Somerset House. 1504

**Royal Peculiar of St. Katherine.**

Somerset House. 1729

**Court of Husting.**

Abstracts of these wills have been printed in two vols. by the municipality, 1889-1890, but they are not absolutely perfect, and originals should be seen in all important cases.

Guild Hall.	} to 1693

**MERIONETH.**

Consistory of St. Asaph.

St. Asaph. 1565

Consistory of Bangor.

Bangor. 1634

**MIDDLESEX.**

Archdeaconry of Middlesex.

Somerset House. 1664

(Has 29 parishes in Middx.)

Dean and Chapter of St. Pauls.

Somerset House. 1537

(Has 8 parishes in Middx., West Drayton, Friern Barnet, Willesden, Chiswick, Stoke Newington, St. Luke Old Street, Hoxton in Shoreditch and St. Pancras.)

Consistory of London.

Somerset House. 1361

Commissary of London.

Somerset House. 1374

Has 43 parishes in Middlesex.)

Royal Peculiar of Dean and Chapter of Westminster.

Somerset House. 1504

Act Books from 1566 only.

Peculiar of Croydon.

Somerset House. 1629

See Court of the Arches of London, etc.

(Has parishes of Harrow and Hayes in Middx.)

**MONMOUTH.**

Consistorial of Llandaff.

Llandaff. 1590

Consistorial of Hereford.	Hereford.	1517
Archdeaconry of Brecon.	Hereford.	1625
(Has 2 parishes in Monmouth, Cwmyoy and Old Castle.)		

**MONTGOMERY.**

Consistory of Bangor.	Bangor.	1634
Consistory of St. Asaph.	St. Asaph.	1565
See note under Denbigh.		
Consistorial of Hereford.	Hereford.	1517
Archdeaconry of Brecon.	Hereford.	1625
(Has 2 parishes in Montgomery, Kerry and Mochtre.)		

**NORFOLK.**

Consistory of Norwich.	Norwich.	1370
Includes Peculiar of Thorpe next Norwich.		
See Early Norfolk wills (1370- 1383) in Norf. Antiquarian Mis- cellany, by W. Rye, i, 345. List of Foreigners' wills in Nor- wich Courts in Huguenot Soc., i, pt. II, 194. See also D'Ewes Coll. in Brit. Mus., Harl. MS 10.		
Archdeaconry of Norfolk.	Norwich.	1459
Archdeaconry of Norwich.	Norwich.	1469
This Court includes that of the Commissary of the Bishop and the Official of the Arch- deacon within the Archdeacon- ry, and also the Peculiars of Castle Rising and Great Cres- ingham.		
Bishop's Registry.	Norwich.	1630
Admon. Act Books (3 vols.) for this period are found here.		to 1645
Dean and Chapter of Norwich.	Norwich.	1500
Kings Lynn Red Book.	Kings Lynn,	
See Hist. MSS. Com. Rep. XI, App. pt. iii, pp. 152-231.	Town Hall.	1276
Kings Lynn Rolls of Wills.	Kings Lynn,	
See list and abstracts in Hist. MSS. Com. Rep. XI, App. pt. iii, pp. 211, 234.	Town Hall.	1385

Borough of Great Yarmouth Rolls.	Yarmouth,	
Filed wills and deeds touching tenements in Yarmouth.	Town Hall.	1280

**NORTHAMPTON.**

Consistory of Peterborough.	Peterborough.	1608
Archdeaconry of Northampton.	Northampton.	1510

See printed index of wills to 1652, British Record Society, vol. 1, 1888. The administrations in this Court are in Act Books and not indexed.

Prebend of Nassington.	Peterborough.	1747
Peculiar of Banbury.	Somerset House.	1736

Has Parish of Kings Sutton only, in Northampton.

Halmote of Higham Ferrers.	Town Hall.	1228
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See Hist. MSS. Com. Rep. XII, App. pt. ix, p. 530, for partial list.

Peculiar of Duddington.	Lincoln.	1740
Prebend of Gretton.	Lincoln.	1684

(Has parishes of Gretton and Duddington.)

Consistory of Lincoln.	Lincoln.	1507
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See note under Lincoln.

Registers of Bishops of Lincoln.	Alnwick Tower,	
See note under Lincoln.	Lincoln.	1320

**NORTHUMBERLAND.**

Consistory of Durham.	Durham.	1540
Dean and Chapter of Durham.	Durham.	1311

See note under Durham.

Peculiar of Hexamshire and Ripon.	York.	1553
Prebend of Tockerington.	York.	....

**NOTTINGHAM.**

Exchequer and Prerogative Court of York.	York.	1389
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(Most of the Notts. wills are to be found in the Exchequer Court of York.)

Dean and Chapter of York.	York.	1321
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(Has 6 parishes in Notts, Askham, East Drayton, Laneham, Misterton, Stoakham and Stockwith.)

Peculiar of Chapter of Collegiate Church of Southwell.	{	Southwell.	1472
		Nottingham.	1558
See Camden Soc., N. S. vol. xlviii, p. 96, 1891, for wills, 1472 to 1541.			
Manor Court of Mansfield.		Nottingham	1640
Manor of Gringley-on-the-Hill, or Bawtry Hill.	{	Bawtry.	1658
		Nottingham.	1739
From 1658 to 1739 wills are in possession of Cartwright and Walker, of Bawtry. Some earlier rolls are in the Society of Antiquaries at London.			
Peculiar of Kinoulton.		Nottingham.	1730
Prebend of Apesthrope.		York.	1557
Prebend of Bole.		York.	1627
Peculiar of Edwinstown.		York.	1534
Index printed in Northern Genealogist, I, 20.			
Register of Chapter Acts of Southwell Cathedral.	Southwell Min-	{	1470
	ster Library.		to 1670
See Hist. MSS. Com. Rep. XII, App. pt. ix, p. 540-44, for list of wills to 1547.			

## OXFORD.

Consistory of Oxford.	Somerset House.	1544
Act Books from 1630 only, Registers, 1677.		
Archdeaconry of Oxford.	Somerset House.	1528
Act Books from 1603 only.		
Peculiar of Monks Risborough and Newington.	Somerset House.	1589
(Has 2 parishes in Oxford, Newington and Britwell Prior.)		
Peculiar of Cropredy and Banbury.	Somerset House.	1574
Peculiar of Dorchester.	Somerset House.	1586
(Has 10 parishes in Oxford.)		
Peculiar of Thame, Blerton, etc.	Somerset House.	1589
Manor Court of Sibford.	Somerset House.	1733
(Has parish of Swalcliff only.)		
Peculiar of Langford.	Somerset House.	1607

Chancellors Court of Oxford University.	Oxford University.	1434
Wills of testators with property in the University alone.		
Index printed by John Griffith, 1862.		
Registers of Bishops of Lincoln.	Alnwick Tower,	
See note under Lincoln.	Lincoln.	1320
See note under Lincoln.	Lincoln.	1507
Consistory of Lincoln.		
Archdeaconry of Berks.	Somerset House.	1508
Has a few Oxford wills. See note under Berks.		

**PEMBROKE.**

Consistorial Episcopal of St. Davids.	Carmarthen.	1560
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**RADNOR.**

Consistorial Episcopal of St. Davids.	Carmarthen.	1560
Archdeaconry of Brecon.	Hereford.	1625

**RUTLAND.\***

Consistorial Court of Peterborough.	Peterborough.	1608
Archdeaconry of Northampton and Deanery of Rutland.	Northampton.	{ 1510 to 1590
See index with Archdeaconry of Northampton, in British Record Society, vol. 1, 1888.		
Peculiar of Empingham.	{ Lincoln. 1669 to 1744 Peterborough. 1748	
Registry of Bishop and Dean and Chapter of Lincoln.	Lincoln.	1534
Prebend of Ketton.	Leicester.	1574
(Has parishes of Ketton and Tixover.)		
Prebend of Liddington.	Leicester.	1669
(With Caldecott.)		
Prebend of Nassington.	{ Lincoln. 1660 Peterborough. ....	
(Has parishes of Nassington, Yarwell, Apethorpe and Woodnewton.)		

\*After 1858 Rutland wills are proved at Leicester.

Registers of Bishops of Lincoln.	Alnwick Tower	
See note under Lincoln.	Lincoln.	1320
Consistory of Lincoln, etc., before 1541.	Lincoln.	1507
See note under Lincoln.		

**SALOP.**

Consistory of Lichfield.	Lichfield.	1516
See note under Stafford.		
Royal Peculiar of Bridgenorth.	Shrewsbury.	1635
Peculiar of Buildwas Abbey.	Shrewsbury.	1799
Peculiar of Wombridge.	Shrewsbury.	1786
Royal Peculiar of Shrewsbury St. Mary.	Shrewsbury.	1661
Prebend of Prees or Pipe Manor.	Shrewsbury.	1698
See also under Stafford.		
Manor Court of Longdon-upon-Tern.	Shrewsbury.	1776
Manor Court of Tyrley.	Shrewsbury.	1684
Manor Courts of Ellesmere, Colemere, Hampton and Lineal.	Shrewsbury.	1658
Consistory of Hereford.	Hereford.	1517
Consistory of St. Asaph.	St. Asaph.	1565
See note under Denbigh.		
Palmer's Guild of Ludlow.	Ludlow,	1304
Contains only 34 wills in all.	Town Hall.	{ to 1499
Corporation of Shrewsbury.	Shrewsbury,	
A few wills. See Hist. MSS. Com. Rep. XV, App. pt. x, p. 11.	Town Hall.	1336
Consistory of Worcester.	Worcester.	1451
See note under Worcester.		
Peculiar of Little Hereford and Ashford Carbonell.	Hereford.	1662
(Parish of Ashford only.)		

**SOMERSET.**

Consistory of Bath and Wells.	Wells.	1528
In Museum of Somerset Arch. Soc., at Taunton, is a small vol. of early wills belonging to this Court. See also Abstracts of Wells Wills, 1528-1536, by F. W. Weaver, 1890.		



Archdeaconry of Taunton.	Taunton.	1538
The early wills are registered, but no index exists before 1593.		
Consistory of Bristol.	Bristol.	1572
(Has 1 parish, Abbots Leigh, in Somerset.)		
Consistorial Archidiaconal of Wells.	Wells.	1660
Consistorial Decanal Court.	Wells.	1660
Dean and Chapter of Wells.	Wells.	1660
Peculiar of Sub-Dean.	Wells.	1627
Peculiar of Chancellor.	Wells.	1655
Peculiar of Precentor.	Wells.	1660
Prebend of Ashill.	Wells.	1662
Peculiar of Banwell.	Wells.	1674
Prebend of Buckland Dinham.	Wells.	1637
Prebend of Compton Bishop.	Wells.	1647
Prebend of Compton Dundon.	Wells.	1678
Prebend of Cudworth.	Wells.	1626
Prebend of Easton-in-Gordano.	Wells.	1660
Prebend of East Harptree.	Wells.	1657
Prebend of Hazlebere.	Wells.	1676
Prebend of Henstridge.	Wells.	1677
Prebend of Ilton.	Wells.	1678
Prebend of Litton.	Wells.	1661
Prebend of West Lydford.	Wells.	1669
Prebend of West Lydiard.	Wells.	1669
Prebend of St. Decumans.	Wells.	1636
Prebend of Timberscombe.	Wells.	1689
Prebend of Watton.	Wells.	1662
Prebend of Whitelackington.	Wells.	1665
Prebend of Whitham Friary.	Wells.	1669
Prebend of Wyvelscombe.	Wells.	1660
Prebend of Yatton.	Wells.	1662
Peculiar of Chancellor, Kingsbury Episcopi.	Wells.	1688
Royal Peculiar of Ilminster.	Taunton.	1690
Great Orphan Books.	Bristol.	1379
(Have a few Somerset wills.)		
Prebend of Forthington and Writh- lington.	Somerset House.	1660

Abstracts of Somersetshire Wills by Rev. F. Brown, printed in

6 vols., by F. A. Crisp, 1887-90, contain wills from the P. C. C., Consistory of Wells and Archdeaconry of Taunton.

# STAFFORD.

Consistory of Lichfield and Coventry.	Lichfield.	1516
Index to 1652, ed. by W. P. W. Phillimore, printed by Brit. Rec. Soc., vol. vii, 1892. This index is very defective. A good MS. index is now in the Lichfield office.		
Dean of Lichfield.	Lichfield.	1570
Dean and Chapter of Lichfield.	Lichfield.	1510
See Hist. MSS. Com. Rep. XIV, App. pt. vii, p. 205, and J. C. Cox's Catalogue of Muniments of Dean and Chapter of Lichfield, 1881-1886.	Muniments of Dean and Chapter.	1461
Consistory of Worcester.	Worcester.	1451
(Has a few Stafford wills.)		
Prebend of High Offley and Flixton.	Lichfield.	1706
Prebend of Alrewas and Weeford.	Lichfield.	1675
Manor Court of Burton-on-Trent.	Lichfield.	1678
Prebend of Colwich.	Lichfield.	1684
Prebend of Eccleshall.	Lichfield.	1658
Peculiar and Manor Court of Gnosall.	Lichfield.	1645
Prebend of Handsacre and Armitage.	Lichfield.	1679
Prebend of Longdon.	Lichfield.	1711
Peculiar of Penkridge.	Lichfield.	1646
Prebend of Prees or Pipe Manor.	Lichfield.	1698
See also under Salop.		
Royal Peculiar of Tettenhall.	Lichfield.	1662
Royal Peculiar of Wolverhampton.	Lichfield.	1632
Prebend of Whittington and Baswick.	Lichfield.	1674
Peculiar of Sedgeley.	Himley.*	....

# SUFFOLK.

Consistory of Norwich.	Norwich.	1370
See note under Norfolk.		

\*At the house of Lord Dudley, ex teste A. Gibbons.

Archdeaconry of Sudbury and Commissary of Bury St. Edmunds.	Bury St. Edmunds.	1354
Selections of wills from this Court, 1370-1649, have been printed by Camden Soc., vol. xlix.		
Archdeaconry of Suffolk.	Ipswich.	1444
An index, 1444-1600, printed by F. A. Crisp, 1895, and in East Anglian, N. S., i, 340, <i>et seq.</i> , in progress. <i>There are many un-indexed wills in this court.</i>		
Peculiar of Isleham and Freckenham.	Peterborough.	1525
(Parish of Freckenham only.)		
Consistory of Peterborough.	Peterborough.	1608
(Has a few Suffolk wills.)		
Deanery of Bocking.	Somerset House.	1627
(Has 3 parishes in Suffolk, Hadleigh, Moulton and Monks Eleigh.)		

Many wills of Suffolk testators will be found in Davy's Suffolk Colls. in Brit Mus., Add. MS. 19144 *et seq.*, also Muskett's Colls., Add. MSS. 33856 to 33864.

## SURREY.

Prerogative Court of Canterbury.	Somerset House.	1383
Many Surrey wills are in this Court.		
Archdeaconry of Surrey.	Somerset House.	1484
Act Books from 1674 only.		
Commissary of Surrey.	Somerset House.	1674
Deanery of Croydon.	Somerset House.	1629
See Court of Arches, London, Shoreham and Croydon.		
Admon. and Probate Act Books from 1629, Registers from 1664. (Has 13 parishes in Surrey, Barnes, Burstow, Charlwood, Cheam, Croydon, East Horsley, Merstham, Mortlake, St. Mary Newington, Trinity Newington, St. Peters Walworth, Putney and Wimbledon.)		
Consistory of Winchester.	Winchester.	1502

**SUSSEX.**

Consistory of Chichester and Arch- deaconry of Chichester.	Chichester.	1518
For West Sussex.		
Peculiar of Dean of Chichester.	Chichester.	1553
Consistory of Lewes and Arch- deaconry of Lewes.	Lewes.	1541
For East Sussex.		
Index to 1650, by H. Hall, print- ed by Brit. Rec. Soc., vol. xxiv, 1901.		
Peculiar of Battel.	Lewes.	1521
Deanery of Shoreham and Croydon.	Somerset House.	1629
See Court of Arches, London.		
Peculiar of Pagham and Tarring Deanery.	Chichester.	1677
Peculiar of Southmalling.	Lewes.	1588
Notes from Sussex Wills in P. C. C. printed in Suss. Arch. Colls., vol. xxviii, page 180.		

**WARWICK.**

Consistory of Lichfield.	Lichfield.	1516
See note under Stafford.		
Dean and Chapter of Lichfield.	Lichfield.	1461
See note under Stafford.		
Consistory of Worcester.	Worcester.	1451
See note under Worcester.		
A large part of Warwick was in- cluded in Worcester Consistory until the erection of the mod- ern Court of Birmingham.		
Peculiar of Alveston and Was- perston.	Lichfield.	1559
Peculiar of Hampton Lucy.	{ Lichfield. Worcester.	1593 to 1712 1712
(Has parishes of Alveston, Charl- cote and Wasperston.)		
Peculiar and Manor Court of Merevale.	Lichfield.	1770
Prebend of Dean and Cantor of Ufton.	Lichfield.	1799
Peculiar of Stratford-on-Avon.	Stratford.	1712
(Including Chapel of Bishopton.)		

Borough Records of Stratford-on-Avon.	Stratford.	{ 1585
See Hist. MSS. Com. Rep. IX, App., pt. 1, p. 290.	Muniment Room,	{ to 1701

Manor Court of Baddesley Clinton.	Birmingham.	1773
Manor of Balsall Temple.	Birmingham.	1682
Manor Court of Barston.	Birmingham.	1671
Prebend of Colwich and Bishops Itchington.	Birmingham.	1684
Manor Court of Knowle.	Birmingham.	1726
Manor Court of Packwood.	Birmingham.	1759
Prebend of Tachbrook.	Birmingham.	1725
Index of all Birmingham Peculiars printed by Brit. Rec. Soc., vol. vii., 1892. See note under Stafford.		

**WESTMORELAND.**

Consistory of Carlisle.	Carlisle.	1564
Archdeaconry of Richmond. Deaneries of Kendal and Lonsdale.	Somerset House.	1457
See note under Lancaster.		
Manor Court of Ravenstonedale.	Carlisle.	1690
Manor Court of Temple Sowerby.	Carlisle.	1580
Registers of Bishops of Carlisle.	Carlisle.	1353
See note under Cumberland.		

**WILTSHIRE.**

Consistorial of Sarum.	Somerset House.	1557
Archidiaconal Court of Sarum.	Somerset House.	1538
Archidiaconal Court of Wilts.	Somerset House.	1583
Dean and Chapter of Sarum.	Somerset House.	1606
Registers from 1707 only.	{ Dioc. Registry, Salisbury.	1261
A few wills in Muniments of Dean and Chapter from 1261, in Dioc. Reg. See Hist. MSS. Com. Rep., Var. Colls. I, pp. 343, 375.		
Peculiar of Dean of Sarum.	Somerset House.	1561
Archidiaconal of Sub Dean of Sarum.	Somerset House.	1588
Fragmentary 1581 to 1588.		
Prebend of Castle Combe.	Somerset House.	1669

Peculiar of Corsham.	Somerset House.	1462
A lost volume of this Court (1462-1712) was found in 1904, the earliest previous record being 1713.		
Peculiar of Precentor of Sarum.	Somerset House.	1680
Peculiar of Treasurer and Prebend of Calne.	Somerset House.	1610
Peculiar of Lord Warden of Saver-nake Forest.	Somerset House.	1617
Prebend of Sarum.	Somerset House.	....
Dean and Canons of Windsor.	Somerset House.	1668
Prebend of Bishopstone.	Somerset House.	1625
Prebend of Husborne and Burbage.	Somerset House.	1635
Prebend of Chute and Chisenbury.	Somerset House.	1617
Prebend of Combe and Harnham.	Somerset House.	1685
Prebend of Durnford.	Somerset House.	1634
Prebend of Highworth.	Somerset House.	1623
Prebend of Netheravon.	Somerset House.	1595
Prebend of Wilsford and Woodford.	Somerset House.	1629
Archdeaconry of Berks.	Somerset House.	1508
(Has a few Wilts. wills.)		
See note under Berks.		

## WORCESTER.

Consistorial Episcopal of Worces-ter.	Worcester.	1451
No adequate index exists at Worcester previous to 1493, but this period is covered by the excellent index (1451-1600) edited by Mr. E. A. Fry, printed by the Brit. Rec. Soc., 1904, vol. xxxi, and which will be continued.		
An index to Worcester Wills, 1519-1563, was printed by Sir Thomas Phillipps, but now superseded by the above.		
The Admons. are <i>not indexed before</i> 1660.		
Court of Dean and Chapter of Worcester.	Worcester.	1668
(Has parishes of Berrow, Kempsey, Norton-juxta-Kempsey, St.		

Michael-in-Bedwardine, Stoulton, Tibberton, Wolverley and the College Precincts, Worcester.)

Court of Rector of Alvechurch.	Worcester.	1718
Court of Rector of Bredon.	Worcester.	1717
(Has chapels of Cutsdean and Norton.)		
Rector of Evesham.	Worcester.	{ 1528 to 1537
Rector of Fladbury.	Worcester.	
(Has Throckmorton, Stoke, Bra- deley and Wyre-Piddle.)		
Peculiar of Hanbury.	Worcester.	1720
Rector of Hartlebury.	Worcester.	1720
Rector of Ripple.	Worcester.	1721
(Has parishes of Holdfast and Queenhill.)		
Rector of Tredington.	Worcester.	{ 1712 to 1788
(Has parishes of Shipston on Stour and Tidington.)		
Registers of Bishops of Worcester.	Diocesan Registry.	1268
A Vol. of 200 wills, 1544-1553, is in the Bishops Registry at Wor- cester.		
Gifford's Register, 1268-1301 (con- taining 20 wills) and the Sede Vacanti, 1301-1535, have been printed by the Worc. Hist. Soc., 1902 and 1897. Gaynesborough's Register, 1302-1307, now in preparation.		

## YORKSHIRE.

Registers of Bishops of York.	Diocesan Registry.	1300
Exchequer and Prerogative Court.	York.	1389
Vacancy wills will be found in Dean and Chapter (see below). Index has been printed by* Yorks. Arch. Soc., 1389 to 1652, vols. iv, vi, xi, xiv, xix, xxii, xxiv, xxvi, xxviii, xxxii and xxxv.		

\*See note of gaps in this record—Yorks. Arch. Soc., Rec. Ser., vol. vi, App. 2, p. 199.

<b>Consistory and Chancery Court.</b>	<b>Diocesan Registry.</b>	<b>1311</b>
Wills in litigation in the Inferior Court.		
An Index, 1660-1724, in Brit. Mus., Add. MS. 29,699, fol. 149.		
<b>Dean and Chapter of York.</b>	<b>York.</b>	<b>1321</b>
The first vol. of wills of this Court, 1321-1493, is in Muni-ment Room of Dean and Chapter. See abstracts printed in Surtees Soc., vol. xxvi, 1853.		
<b>Archdeaconry of Richmond, Dean-eries of Bowbridge, Catterick, and Richmond.</b>	<b>Somerset House.</b>	<b>1457</b>
Registers from 1540. Eastern Deaneries Act Books from 1663 only.		
Index printed in Northern Genealogist, ii, 209. See also selected abstracts in Harl. MS. 7029 in Brit. Mus.		
<b>Archdeacon of East Riding.</b>	<b>York.</b>	<b>1572</b>
<b>Archdeacon of York.</b>	<b>York.</b>	<b>....</b>
<b>Peculiar of Chancellor of York.</b>	<b>York.</b>	<b>1557</b>
<b>Prebend of Laughton-en-le-Morthen.</b>	<b>York.</b>	<b>1612</b>
<b>Peculiar of Precentor of York and Prebend of Driffeld.</b>	<b>York.</b>	<b>1551</b>
<b>Peculiar of Sub Dean of York.</b>	<b>York.</b>	<b>1559</b>
<b>Peculiar of Succentor of York.</b>	<b>York.</b>	<b>1557</b>
<b>Peculiar of Archbishop in Hexhamshire and Ripon.</b>	<b>York.</b>	<b>1553</b>
Separate calendar for Hexham from 1593.		
<b>Peculiar of the Deanery of York.</b>	<b>York.</b>	<b>1610</b>
Admons and Tuition only, 1538-1660.		
<b>Peculiar of Acomb.</b>	<b>York.</b>	<b>1504</b>
Separate index begins in 1709.		
<b>Manor Court of Aldbrough.</b>	<b>York Minster Library.</b>	<b>1610</b>
(In the Hallstone collection.)		
<b>Manor Court of Altofts in Norman-ton.</b>	<b>York.</b>	<b>1629</b>
Index printed in Northern Genealogist i, 130.		



Peculiar of Bishop of Durham in Allertonshire.	Durham.	1666
Abstracts of early wills (1311 to 1599) from this Court will be found in Surtees Soc., vols. II and xxxviii. See note under Durham.		
Peculiar of Alne and Tollerton.	York.	1458
Separate index from 1601.		
Prebend of Ampleforth.	York.	1558
Separate index, 1661.		
Manor Court of Arkingarthdale and New Forest.	( <i>Unknown.</i> )	1724
See abstracts of wills in this Court in Northern Genealogist, iv, 93, 116; v, 22; vi, 93, to M only.		
Manor Court of Askham Bryan.	York.	1594
Manor Court of Barnoldswick.	Wakefield.	1660
Index printed in Northern Genealogist, i, 113.		
Manor Court of Beeford or Beeforth.	York.	1561
Manor Court of Silsden.	{ Wakefield.	1587
Index (1547-1737) printed in Northern Genealogist, i, 37, 110.		1767
Peculiar of Provost of Collegiate Church of Beverly.	York.	1539
No wills known to exist in this Court after 1552.		to 1552
Prebend of Bilton.	York.	1591
Peculiar of Bishop Wilton.	York.	1531
Separate index from 1616.		
Court of Town End in Bolsterton.	Wakefield.	....
Prebend of Bugthorpe.	York.	1554
Separate index from 1669.		
Peculiar of South Cave.	York.	1550
Manor Court of Cold Kirby.	( <i>Unknown.</i> )	....
Peculiar of Craike.	Durham.	1713
Manor Courts of Crossley, Bingley and Pudsey.	Wakefield.	1610
Index printed in Northern Genealogist, i, 33.		

Prebend of Fenton.	York.	1544
Separate index from 1617.		
Manor Court of Hinderskelf.	( <i>Unknown.</i> )	....
Prebend of Holme.	York.	1559
Separate index from 1663.		
Peculiar of Howdenshire and Hem- ingborough.	York.	1555
Manor Court of Huby.	( <i>Unknown.</i> )	....
Manor Court of Hunsingore.	Somerset House.	1607
Prebend of Husthwaite.	York.	1633
Separate index 1661.		
Honour Court of Knaresborough.	Knaresborough	
The earliest wills in this Court at Somerset House are as stated, but when sent to the Probate Office, the owners of the Manor retained the earlier rolls, beginning with the reign of Henry VIII., and containing many hundreds of wills.	Castle.	1509
	Somerset House.	1640
Abstracts of all wills from Knaresborough Court Rolls, by F. Collins (1509-1660), printed in Surtees Soc., vols. civ, and cx. Second vol. (1605-1660) has Calendars of the wills both at Knaresborough and Somerset House.		
Prebend of Langtoft.	York.	1520
Separate index, 1647.		
Peculiar of Linton-on-Ouse.	York.	1710
Manor Court of Marsden.	Wakefield.	1654
Index printed in Northern Gene- alogist, ii, 102, 168.		
Peculiar of Masham and Kirkby {	York.	1550
Malzeard.	Somerset House.	1576
Separate index from 1609.		
Index printed (1550 to 1709) in Northern Genealogist, iv, 132; v, 30, 103, 153; vi, 16, 86, <i>to R only.</i>		
Manor Court of Warmfield with Heath.	York.	1642
Index printed in Northern Gene- alogist, i, 129.		
Peculiar of Archdeacon of York for		

Mexborough and Ravenfield. Index from 1686.	York.	1662
Royal Peculiar of Middleham. Has 2 earlier wills, 1612 and 1694. See Camden Soc., xxviii, pp. 19, 96.	Somerset House.	1722
Manor Court of Newton-on-Ouse with Benningborough.	York.	1613
Prebend of North Newbald. Separate index, 1633.	York.	1496
Prebend of Osbaldwick and Gate Helmsley. Separate index, 1631.	York.	1558
Prebend of Riccall. Separate index. 1694.	York.	1550
Peculiar of Impropriator of Salton.	York.	1531
Peculiar of Selby. Separate index, 1681.	York.	1555
Manor Court of Shipton with Over- ton.	York.	1579
Peculiar of Snaith. 1628 to 1715 missing. Separate index, 1568.	York.	1525
Prebend of Stillington.	York.	1538
Prebend of Strensall. Separate index from 1640.	York.	1538
Manor Court of Temple Newsam. Index printed in Northern Gene- alogist, 1, 34.	Wakefield.	1612
Prebend of Impropriator of Wad- worth. Separate index from 1708.	York.	1639
Prebend of Warthill. Separate index from 1681.	York.	1549
Prebend of Weighton and Shipton. Separate index from 1660.	York.	1502
Manor Court of Westerdale.	(Unknown.)	....
Prebend of Wetwang. Separate index from 1658.	York.	1588
Prebend of Wistow. Separate index from 1617.	York.	1585

Liber Rubeus, or Red Book.	Hull.	1309
Index printed in Northern Genealogist, ii, 181.		
Corporation of Hull.	Hull.	....
Some wills in Muniments,, <i>ex</i> <i>teste</i> A. Gibbons.		

It is believed that other Courts existed, having jurisdiction in Yorkshire, but now unknown.

See index of Yorkshire wills and admons in P. C. C., 1649-1660, by F. Collins, Yorks. Arch. Asso., Rec. Series, vol. i, 1885.

Abstracts of entries in Act Books in Prerogative Court of York, 1679 to 1689, printed in Northern Genealogist, ii, 13, 53, 187; iii, 44, 75, 116, 173; iv, 19, 85.

See also abstracts of Halifax Wills in York Courts, 1389-1544, by J. W. Clay and E. W. Crossley, Halifax, 1893-1904.

Abstracts of wills in Archdeaconry of Richmond by James Raine, 1442-1579, (*selections only*) Surtees Society, vol. xxvii, 1858.

Testamenta Eboracensia by James Raine and J. W. Clay. Selected Wills from the York Courts, 1300-1551, 6 vols. Surtees Society, vols. iv, xxx, xlv,\* liii, lxxix, civ.

It should be kept in mind by the searcher that a very great number of wills in all parts of the country, in articles under special names, have been printed in various local magazines, family histories, etc., any attempt at a classification and index of which is hopeless. The enquirer may, however, save himself much useless labor by taking heed of these in the district or under the name in which he is interested. Dr. Marshall's well known "Genealogist's Guide" will serve as a clue to many of these.

The following tables of the Register volumes of the Prerogative Court, compiled by Mr. J. Challenor C. Smith, formerly Superintendent of the Literary Search Room at Somerset House, although already three times printed,\* are reproduced here for convenience of ready reference.

\*Vol. xlv has the York Marr. Lics., 1374 to 1541.

\*Privately on folder by Author, 1889, and in Brit. Rec. Soc., x, p. xxxii, and N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, xlvi, p. 300.

INDEX OF WILL REGISTERS  
IN THE  
PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY.

Date.	Register.	Date.	Register.	Date.	Register.
1384		1558.	Noodes	1597.	Cobham
1452.	Rous	1558-59.	Welles	1597-98.	Lewyn
1401-23.	Marche	1559.	Chaynay	1599.	Kidd
1423-49.	Luffenham	1559-60.	Mellershe	1600.	Wallop
1454-58.	Stokton	1561.	Loftes	1601.	Woodhall
1463-68.	Godyn	1562.	Streat	1602.	Montague
1471-80.	Wattys	1563.	Chayre	1603.	Boleyn
1479-86.	Logge	1564.	Stevenson	1604.	Harte
1487-90.	Milles	1565-66.	Morrison & Crymes	1605.	Hayes
1491-93.	Dogett	1567.	Stonard	1606.	Stafford
1493-96.	Vox	1568.	Babington	1607.	Hudleston
1496-99.	Horne	1569.	Sheffelde	1608.	Windebanck
1500-01.	Moone	1570.	Lyon.	1609.	Dorset
1501-03.	Blamyr	1571.	Holney	1610.	Wingfield
1504-06.	Holgrave	1572.	Daper	1611.	Wood
1506-08.	Adeane	1573.	Peter	1612.	Fenner
1508-11.	Bennett	1574.	Martyn	1613.	Capell
1511-14.	Fetiplace	1575-76.	Pyckering	1614.	Lawe
1514-17.	Holder	1576.	Carew	1615.	Rudd
1517-20.	Ayliffe	1577.	Daughtry	1616.	Cope
1520-22.	Maynwaryng	1578.	Langley	1617.	Weldon
1523-25.	Bodfelde	1579.	Bakon	1618.	Meade
1525-28.	Porch	1580.	Arundell	1619.	Parker
1529-30.	Jankyn	1581.	Darcy	1620.	Soame
1531-33.	Thower	1582.	Tirwhite	1621.	Dale
1536-40.	Crumwell	1583.	Rowe	1622.	Savile
1533-36.	Hogen	1583-84.	Butts	1623.	Swann
1537-39.	Dyngeley	1584.	Watson	1624.	Byrde
1540-41.	Alenger	1585.	Brudenell	1625.	Clarke
1541-43.	Spert	1586.	Windsor	1626.	Hele
1544-45.	Pynnyng	1587.	Spencer	1627.	Skinner
1546-47.	Alen	1588.	Rutland	1628.	Barrington
1548-49.	Populwell	1588-89.	Leicester	1629.	Ridley
1550.	Coode	1590.	Drury	1630.	Scroope
1551.	Bucke	1591.	Sainberbe	1631.	St. John
1552.	Powell	1592.	Harrington	1632.	Audley
1553-54.	Tashe	1593.	Nevell	1633.	Russell
1554-56.	More	1594.	Dixy	1634.	Seager
1556.	Ketchyn	1595.	Scott	1635.	Sadler
1557.	Wrastley	1596.	Drake	1636.	Pile
				1637.	Goare

Date.	Register.	Date.	Register.	Date.	Register.
1638.	Lee	1684.	Hare	1729.	Abbott
1639.	Harvey	1685.	Cann	1730.	Auber
1640.	Coventry	1686.	Lloyd	1731.	Isham
1641.	Evelyn	1687.	Foot	1732.	Bedford
1642.	Cambell	1688.	Exton	1733.	Price
1643.	Crane	1689.	Ent	1734.	Ockham
1644-45.	Rivers	1690.	Dyke	1735.	Ducie
1646.	Twisse	1691.	Vere	1736.	Derby
1647.	Fines	1692.	Fane	1737.	Wake
1648.	Essex	1693.	Coker	1738.	Brodrepp
1649.	Fairfax	1694.	Box	1739.	Henchman
1650.	Pembroke	1695.	Irby	1740.	Browne
1651.	Grey	1696.	Bond	1741.	Spurway
1652.	Bowyer	1697.	Pyne	1742.	Trenley
1653.	Brent	1698.	Lort	1743.	Boycott
1654.	Alchin	1699.	Pett	1744.	Anstis
1655.	Aylett	1700.	Noel	1745.	Seymer
1656.	Berkley	1701.	Dyer	1746.	Edmunds
1657.	Ruthen	1702.	Herne	1747.	Potter
1658.	Wootton	1703.	Degg	1748.	Strahan
1659.	Pell	1704.	Ash	1749.	Lisle
1660.	Nabbs	1705.	Gee	1750.	Greenly
1661.	May	1706.	Eedes	1751.	Busby
1662.	Laud	1707.	Poley	1752.	Bettesworth
1663.	Juxon	1708.	Barrett	1753.	Searle
1664.	Bruce	1709.	Lane	1754.	Pinfold
1665.	Hyde	1710.	Smith	1755.	Paul
1666.	Mico	1711.	Young	1756.	Glazier
1667.	Carr	1712.	Barnes	1757.	Herring
1668.	Hene	1713.	Leeds	1758.	Hutton
1669.	Coke	1714.	Aston	1759.	Arran
1670.	Penn	1715.	Fagg	1760.	Lynch
1671.	Duke	1716.	Fox	1761.	Cheslyn
1672.	Eure	1717.	Whitfield	1762.	St. Eloy
1673.	Pye	1718.	Tenison	1763.	Caesar
1674.	Bunce	1719.	Browning	1764.	Simpson
1675.	Dycer	1720.	Shaller	1765.	Rushworth
1676.	Bence	1721.	Buckingham	1766.	Tyndall
1677.	Hale	1722.	Marlbro'	1767.	Legard
1678.	Reeve	1723.	Richmond	1768.	Secker
1679.	King	1724.	Bolton	1769.	Bogg
1680.	Bath	1725.	Romney	1770.	Jenner
1681.	North	1726.	Plymouth	1771.	Trevor
1682.	Cottle	1727.	Farrant	1772.	Taverner
1683.	Drax	1728.	Brook	1773.	Stevens

Date.	Register.	Date.	Register.	Date.	Register.
1774.	Bargrave	1798.	Walpole	1821.	Mansfield
1775.	Alexander	1799.	Howe	1822.	Herschell
1776.	Belias	1800.	Adderley	1823.	Richards
1777.	Collier	1801.	Abercrombie	1824.	Erskine
1778.	Hay	1802.	Kenyon	1825.	St. Albans
1779.	Warburton	1803.	Marriott	1826.	Swabey
1780.	Collins	1804.	Heseltine	1827.	Heber
1781.	Webster	1805.	Nelson	1828.	Sutton
1782.	Gostling	1806.	Pitt	1829.	Liverpool
1783.	Cornwallis	1807.	Lushington	1830.	Beard
1784.	Rockingham	1808.	Ely	1831.	Tebbs
1785.	Ducarel	1809.	Loveday	1832.	Tenterden
1786.	Norfolk	1810.	Collingwood	1833.	Farquhar
1787.	Major	1811.	Crickitt	1834.	Teignmouth
1788.	Calvert	1812.	Oxford	1835.	Gloucester
1789.	Macham	1813.	Heathfield	1836.	Stowell
1790.	Bishop	1814.	Bridport	1837.	Norwich
1791.	Bevor	1815.	Pakenham	1838.	Nicholl
1792.	Fountain	1816.	Wynne	1839.	Vaughan
1793.	Dodwell	1817.	Effingham	1840.	Arden
1794.	Holman	1818.	Cresswell	Registers from this date are labelled with year only.	
1795.	Newcastle	1819.	Ellenboro'		
1796.	Harris	1820.	Kent		
1797.	Exeter				

**ADMINISTRATION CALENDARS.** No. 1, 1559-90; No. 2, 1591-1600; No. 3, 1601-8; No. 4, 1609-14; No. 5, 1615-30; No. 19b, 1652-4; No. 22b, 1658.

**ADMINISTRATION ACT BOOKS** complete from 1559, except that 1662 is lost.

**ORIGINAL WILLS** begin 1484, but are very sparse to about 1524. Fairly complete from about 1600.

**PROBATE ACT BOOKS** begin Nov. 1526. Wanting from Oct. 1538 to Oct. 1547, and the years 1650, 1653, 1654 and 1662.

**COUNTIES** are not indicated in Will Calendars previous to 1631.

**DATES IN THIS LIST** are given in "historical" or "new style" throughout.

# ALPHABETICAL ARRANGEMENT OF WILL REGISTERS.

Register.	Date.	Register.	Date.	Register.	Date.
Abbott	1729	Box	1694	Crumwell	1536
Abercrombie	1801	Boycott	1743	Crymes	1566
Adderley	1800	Brent	1653		
Adeane	1506	Bridport	1814	Dale	1621
Alchin	1654	Brodrepp	1738	Daper	1572
Alen	1546	Brook	1728	Darcy	1581
Alenger	1540	Browne	1740	Daughtry	1577
Alexander	1775	Browning	1719	Degg	1703
Anstis	1744	Bruce	1664	Derby	1736
Arden	1840	Brudenell	1585	Dixy	1594
Arran	1759	Bucke	1551	Dodwell	1793
Arundell	1580	Buckingham	1721	Dogett	1491
Ash	1704	Bunce	1674	Dorset	1609
Aston	1714	Busby	1751	Drake	1596
Auber	1730	Butts	1583	Drax	1683
Audley	1632	Byrde	1624	Drury	1590
Aylett	1655			Ducarel	1785
Ayloff	1517	Caesar	1763	Ducie	1735
		Calvert	1788	Duke	1671
Babington	1568	Cambell	1642	Dycer	1675
Bakon	1579	Cann	1685	Dyer	1701
Bargrave	1774	Capell	1613	Dyke	1690
Barnes	1712	Carew	1576	Dyngeley	1537
Barrett	1708	Carr	1667		
Barrington	1623	Chaynay	1559	Edmunds	1746
Bath	1630	Chayre	1563	Eedes	1706
Beard	1830	Cheslyn	1761	Effingham	1817
Bedford	1732	Clarke	1625	Ellenboro'	1819
Bellas	1776	Cobham	1597	Ely	1808
Bence	1876	Coke	1669	Ent	1689
Bennett	1508	Coker	1693	Erskine	1824
Berkley	1656	Collier	1777	Essex	1648
Bettesworth	1752	Collingwood	1810	Eure	1672
Bevor	1791	Collins	1780	Evelyn	1641
Bishop	1790	Coode	1550	Exeter	1797
Blamyr	1501	Cope	1616	Exton	1688
Bodfelde	1523	Cornwallis	1783		
Bogg	1769	Cottle	1682	Fagg	1715
Bolein	1603	Coventry	1640	Fairfax	1649
Bolton	1724	Crane	1643	Fane	1692
Bond	1696	Cresswell	1818	Farquhar	1833
Bowyer	1652	Crickitt	1811	Farrent	1727



Register.	Date.	Register.	Date.	Register.	Date.
Fenner	1612	Isham	1731	Montague	1602
Fetiplace	1511	Jankyn	1529	Moone	1500
Fines	1647	Jenner	1770	More	1554
Foot	1637	Juxon	1663	Morrison &	1565
Fountain	1792			Crymes*	1566
Fox	1716	Kent	1820		
		Kenyon	1802	Nabbs	1660
Gee	1705	Ketchyn	1556	Nelson	1805
Glazier	1756	Kidd	1599	Nevell	1593
Gloucester	1835	King	1679	Newcastle	1795
Goare	1637			Nicholl	1838
Godyn	1463	Lane	1709	Noel	1700
Gostling	1782	Langley	1578	Noodes	1558
Greenly	1750	Laud	1662	Norfolk	1786
Grey	1651	Lawe	1614	North	1681
		Lee	1638	Norwich	1837
Hale	1677	Leeds	1713		
Hare	1684	Legard	1767	Ockham	1734
Harrington	1592	Leicester	1588	Oxford	1812
Harris	1796	Lewyn	1597		
Harte	1604	Lisle	1749	Pakenham	1815
Harvey	1639	Liverpool	1829	Parker	1619
Hay	1778	Lloyd	1686	Paul	1755
Hayes	1605	Loftes	1561	Pell	1659
Heathfield	1813	Logge	1479	Pembroke	1650
Heber	1827	Lort	1698	Penn	1670
Hele	1626	Loveday	1809	Peter	1573
Henchman	1739	Luffenam	1423	Pett	1699
Hene	1663	Lushington	1807	Pile	1636
Herne	1702	Lynch	1760	Pinfold	1754
Herring	1757	Lyon	1570	Pitt	1806
Herschell	1822			Plymouth	1726
Heseltine	1804	Macham	1789	Poley	1707
Hogen	1533	Major	1787	Populwell	1543
Holder	1514	Mansfield	1821	Porch	1525
Holgrave	1504	Marche	1401	Potter	1747
Holman	1794	Marlbro'	1722	Powell	1552
Holney	1571	Marriott	1803	Price	1733
Horne	1496	Martyn	1574	Pyckering	1575
Howe	1799	May	1661	Pye	1673
Hudleston	1607	Maynwaryng	1520	Pyne	1697
Hutton	1758	Meade	1618	Pynnyng	1544
Hyde	1665	Mellershe	1559		
		Mico	1666	Reeve	1678
Irby	1695	Milles	1487	Richards	1823

\*Bound together.

Register.	Date.	Register.	Date.	Register.	Date.
Richmond	1723	Simpson	1764	Trenley	1742
Ridley	1629	Skinner	1627	Trevor	1771
Rivers	1644	Smith	1710	Twisse	1646
Rockingham	1784	Soame	1620	Tyndall	1766
Romney	1725	Spencer	1587	Vaughan	1839
Rous	1384	Spert	1541	Vere	1691
Rowe	1588	Spurway	1741	Vox	1493
Rudd	1615	Stafford	1606	Wake	1737
Rushworth	1765	Stevens	1773	Wallop	1600
Russell	1633	Stevenson	1564	Walpole	1798
Ruthen	1657	Stokton	1454	Warburton	1779
Rutland	1588	Stonard	1567	Watson	1584
		Stowell	1836	Wattys	1471
Sadler	1635	Strahan	1748	Webster	1781
Sainberbe	1591	Streat	1562	Weldon	1617
St. Albans	1825	Sutton	1823	Welles	1553
St. Eloy	1762	Swabey	1826	Whitfield	1717
St. John	1631	Swann	1623	Windebanck	1608
Saville	1622			Windsor	1584
Scott	1595	Tashe	1553	Wingfield	1610
Scroope	1630	Taverner	1772	Wood	1611
Seager	1634	Tebbs	1831	Woodhall	1601
Searle	1753	Teignmouth	1834	Wootton	1653
Secker	1768	Tenterden	1832	Wrastley	1557
Seymer	1745	Tenison	1713	Wynne	1814
Shaller	1720	Thower	1531	Young	1711
Sheffields	1569	Tirwhite	1582		

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IN THE  
CONSISTORY COURT OF LONDON.**

<b>Bishops Books.</b>		<b>Vicar Generals Books.</b>	
<b>From.</b>			
1362	Sudbury	1514-1520	Palmer‡
<b>To.</b>		1520-1539	Foxford
1559	Bonner	1546-1560	Crooke
All remain in the Dio-		1561-1574	Huick
cesan Registry at St.		1574-1583	Hamond
Paul's Churchyard.		1582-1590	Stanhope, Pt. 1
1540-1548	Thirleby	1590-1594	Stanhope, Pt. 2
1548-1556	Wymestey	1595-1597	Stanhope, Pt. 3
1549-1559	Horn	1597-1599	Stanhope, Pt. 4
1559-1592	Bullocke	1601-1605	Stanhope, Pt. 5
1592-1609	Sperin	1607-1611	Crompton
1609-1621	Hamer	1611-1615	Edwards
1621-1630	Bellamy	1616-1623	Marten, Pt. 1
1621-1641	Allen*	1623-1627	Marten, Pt. 2
1670-1720	Redman†	1627-1637	Duck
1720-1751	Dodson†	1627-1662	Chaworth
1752-1776	Register Book‡	1662-1685	Exton

\*Indices to all registers to 1641 are bound up with Register Palmer in the Vicar General's Series, and are also in Calendar I.

†Index in Register.

‡Index in Calendar A.

§Indices to all Bishops Books to 1641 bound up with Palmer. Each of the other volumes of this series has an index, and Calendar I has index to all to 1685.

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IN THE  
COMMISSARY COURT OF LONDON.**

1374-1400	Courtney	Index to 1396, see next volume
1400-1418	Brown	Index 1397 to 1420
1418-1438	More	
1438-1449	Prowet (Formerly Stacy)	
1449-1466	Sharp (Formerly Clayes)	
1467-1483	Wilde (Formerly Galle and Morre)	
1484-1489	Lichfield (Formerly Cocke)	Index 1418 to 1548 in Calendar I
1489-1502	Harvy	
1502-1516	( <i>Register lost.</i> )	
1516-1521	Bennet (Formerly Andrews)	
1522-1539	Tunstall (Formerly Bristow)	
1539-1548	Story (Formerly Beverly) Has on last six folios Admons. 1545 to 49.	
1548-1553	Clyffe	Index in Register
1553-1558	Harpesfyld	Index in Register, from fo. 152 b., Deeds of Gift 1590, list on fo. 172 b.
1555-1559	Darbyshire	Index in Register, from fo. 120, Deeds of Gift, Ser. I. from Dec., 1590, and Ser. II, from June, 1575, <i>are not indexed.</i>
1559-1570	Huick	Index in Register
1570-1578	Book 16	Index in Register
1578-1585	( <i>Register lost.</i> )	
1585-1646	14 Register volumes Nos. 17 to 30	Index in each Register 17 to 29 No. 30 has no index.
1661-1701	20 Register volumes Nos. 31 to 50	Indices 1558 to 1638 are in Calen- dars 3 and 4. Indices to Act
1702-1727	13 Register volumes	Books 19, 1639-1647, and 20, 1647-
1728-1739	(Wills not registered)	1665. After 1665 the ordinary
1740-1760	13 Register volumes	Calendars.

Having exhausted the wills, and found, let us hope, certain evidence of the parish from which his ancestor came, the searcher should next turn his attention to the Parish Registers to obtain the further details of births, marriages and deaths necessary to fill out his chart. These are nearly always to be found in local custody,\* the earliest dating from about 1538, and the clergy are entitled by law to demand a fee of one shilling for the first year seen, and six pence for every subsequent year, of the entire register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, a fee which, be it said to their credit, they very rarely demand, although some remuneration for their time and trouble, from a nominal sum of a shilling or two to a guinea or more, is usually required, and should be cheerfully paid by the searcher.

In addition to this search fee, if the enquirer demand a certified extract of any entry or entries, for legal use, the clergyman is entitled to demand a further fee of two shillings and six pence for each entry so certified, but this does not apply to any other extracts made by the searcher himself or by the clergyman and not certified, and he has no right to insist on any larger sum than that named for the search, or to oblige the searcher to take the certified extracts where they are not desired.† The law on this point is clear and explicit, and any attempt to enforce larger fees should be resisted and an appeal taken to the Bishop of the Diocese, or to the Courts.‡

A valuable Parish Register Abstract has been printed by the British Government,§ showing the dates to which each register extends, and this book should be consulted before going into the country to search, as its evidence of the loss of a certain register will often save the expense of a useless journey. Where this is not available, Kelley's Directories for the different counties give the dates of the various Parish Registers, although not always correctly. In cases of doubt, write to the incumbent, whose name

\*A few of them, however, turn up in strange and unexpected places, e. g., the British Museum and Public Record Office have several copies.

†See case of *Steele vs. Williams* in Court of Exchequer, Jurist xvii, p. 464; Notes and Queries, June, 1853, p. 598; op. cit. Burn's Hist. Parish Registers, pp. 244-7.

‡In only one case, among the hundreds of registers he has searched, has the writer been obliged to make this appeal, with the result that a large sum exacted, before the books were shown, was returned to him at the Bishop's order.

§Abstract of the Answers and Returns made pursuant to an Act, 11 Geo. IV., for taking an Account of the Population of Great Britain, etc., Vol. II. Parish Register Abstract, 1831. Printed by the House of Commons, 1833. Index to same in Vol. III.

may be obtained from the latest Clergy List. The valuable list of Printed Parish Registers by Dr. Marshall<sup>¶</sup> should always be consulted.

The enquirer need not despair, however, even if he find that the earlier years of the parish register have perished, for in the Diocesan Registries are often to be found Transcripts, i. e., copies required by law to be sent yearly to the Bishop of the Diocese in which the parish lay, which frequently restore important parts of lost registers. This law, which was passed under Queen Elizabeth, was, unfortunately, not always obeyed, and this, together with the shameful negligence as to the care of these documents in many Dioceses, has involved the loss of thousands which were properly sent; however, a great deal of valuable material has still been preserved, and should always be most carefully examined. A list of these Transcripts and their places of deposit may be found in Mr. Phillimore's useful little handbook.<sup>¶</sup>

There are also Non-Conformists' registers,\*\* but, except those of the French and Quakers, these are not usually early enough to be of value to Americans. These will be found at Somerset House, where they may be consulted on payment of fees, but abstracts of the Quaker Records, beautifully arranged and indexed, are kept at Devonshire House, 12 Bishopsgate Street, London, by the officers of the Society of Friends, and can be examined there for a fee proportioned to the time occupied in the search.\*

Marriage Licences, it need hardly be said, are evidences of the greatest value, and exist in nearly all of the Dioceses in more or less perfect condition. They often furnish a clue to the parish of the long sought ancestor, and should invariably be hunted down and seen whenever they exist. Many of them have been printed, and are so noted in the Table which follows. In important cases of identification it will be well to see the original as well as the published records, for many errors and omissions exist in the latter.

¶A List of Parish Registers, by George W. Marshall, LL.D., Parish Reg. Society, vol. xxx. 1900.

¶How to Write the History of a Family, by W. P. W. Phillimore, M.A., B.C.L., 1896. Supp., p. 324.

\*\*See Report of Commissioners on Non-Parochial Registers in England and Wales, 1857.

\*See also Hist. MSS. Com. Rep. III, app. p. 365; Sims' Manual, p. 144; Arber's Pilgrim Fathers, Lond., 1897; and Amsterdam and Leyden records for other information on the Puritans and other Non-Conformists.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

DISTRICT.	LOCATION.	DATE.
<b>ALLERTONSHIRE.</b>	York.	1739
Marriage Licences 1729-1762 in Northern Genealogist ii, 7 to iv, 38.		
<b>BANGOR.</b>	Bangor.	....
<b>BATH and WELLS.</b>	Wells Diocesan Registry.	1660
A few allegations exist 1645 and 1648, then a gap till the restoration 1660. Printed by A. J. Jewers as Supp. to Genealogist, N. S., Vol. xv, 1899 <i>et seq.</i> , in progress.		
<b>BEDFORD ARCHDEACONRY.</b>	Lincoln.	1574
See note under Lincoln.		
<b>BERKS ARCHDEACONRY.</b>	Oxford.	1836
<b>BRISTOL.</b>	Diocesan Registry.	1610
These documents are in a deplorable condition, having been partially burned during the Bristol riots in 1831. A fee of one guinea a day is charged to examine this dust heap.		
<b>BUCKS ARCHDEACONRY.</b>	Somerset House	1617
Filed Marriage Bonds 1617 to 1735. Contains also Peculiars of Aylesbury 1726, Bierton 1617, and Monks Risborough 1626. Also a list of 135 lost Bonds 1664-1707.		
Printed in Berks, Bucks and Oxon Journal, ii, 52, 77 and index ii, 117.		
<b>BURY ST. EDMUNDS.</b>		
See Archdeaconry of Sudbury.		
<b>CANTERBURY ARCHDEACONRY.</b>	Canterbury.	1568
Canterbury Marriage Licences, by J. M. Cowper, 1st Ser. 1568 to 1618, 1892.		
Ditto, 2d Ser. 1619 to 1660, 1894.		
Ditto, 3d Ser. 1661 to 1676, 1896.		
Ditto, 4th Ser. 1677 to 1700, 1898.		
<b>CARLISLE.</b>	Carlisle.	1717
Marriage Licenses at Carlisle, 1717-1742, printed in Northern Genealogist, ii, 7, to iv, 37.		

<b>CHESTER.</b>	Diocesan Registry.	1606
<b>CHICHESTER.</b>	Chichester.	1685
For West Division of Sussex.		
<b>DURHAM.</b>	Durham.	1662
Durham Marriage Licences, 1662-1666, printed in Northern Genealogist, i, 54, to iv, 37.		
<b>ELY.</b>	Ely Muniment Room.	1391
Marriage Licences at Ely in Ely Episcopal Registers, by A. Gibbons, pp. 154, 224, and Northern Genealogist, i, 15, 73.		
<b>ESSEX.</b>	Somerset House.	1691
Registered in vol. 23, Arch. Essex. See Archdeaconry of Essex, in East Anglian, 3rd Series, vii, 289. Marr Al. in Essex Archdeanery E. Ang., 3d Ser., vii, 289, 1691-1697.		
<b>EXETER.</b>	Exeter.	1523
Marriage Licences of Diocese of Exeter, 1523 to 1631, by J. L. Vivian, 1887-9, interrupted by death of Editor. (Will probably be continued by the Devon and Cornwall Record Soc.)		
<b>GLOUCESTER.</b>	Gloucester Diocesan Registry.	1637
Indexed after Nov., 1684.		
<b>HEREFORD.</b>	Hereford.	1664
<b>HUNTINGDON.</b>	Somerset House.	1610 1756
No Allegations or Bonds exist prior to 1756. Earlier ones are found in Acta Books of the Archdeaconry. Marriage Licences in Arch. Huntingdon, 1610-1649, Herts. Genealogist and Antiquary, ii, 41, 141, 149, 208.		
<b>HUNTINGDON.</b>		
Hitchin Division.		1757
<b>ILMINSTER ROYAL PECULIAR.</b>	Taunton.	1709
Marriage Licences 1709 to 1734, printed in Somerset and Dorset Notes and Queries, vii, 15, 1900.		



**IPSWICH.**

See Suffolk Archdeanery.

**IRELAND.**

All Licences for Ireland are preserved here.

See list in Dublin Doc. printed in Appendix to 26th Report of Deputy Keeper of Pub. Rec. of Ireland, 1895, and Addenda to same, p. 943.

Four Courts,  
Dublin. 17th Cent.

**LEICESTER ARCHDEACONRY.**

A few odd bundles of Bonds exist for 1570, 1581, 1613, 1627 and 1641, but with no regular sequence until the Allegation Books 1604.

Leicester Marriage Licences, 1570-1729, by Brit. Rec. Soc., *in progress*  
Extracts only from Marriage Bonds of Archdeaconry of Leicester, by Rev. A. Trollope, in Leicestershire Architectural Society, vii, 168, 1889.

Leicester. 1604

**LEWES.**

For Eastern Division of Sussex.

A few (13) Licences from 1574 to 1631 are in Admon. Books at Probate Registry at Lewes. See Calendar of same in Brit. Record Soc., xxiv, 447.

Sussex Marriage Licences in Archdeaconry of Lewes, 1586-1643, by E. H. W. Dunkin, in Sussex Record Society, 1901, vol. I.

Lewes. 1586

**LICHFIELD.**

These records are practically inaccessible, the fees being prohibitive, but see Staffordshire Marriage Registers, 17th Century, MS. in Wm. Salt Library at Stafford, containing Lichfield Marriage Licences, 1660-1700.

Diocesan Registry. 1660

**LINCOLN.**

Dean and Chapter  
Muniment Room,

The Early Marriage Dispensations are entered in Episcopal Registers 1280 to 1547.

Marriage Bonds and Allegations 1580 to date, except 1650-60.

Bishops' Registry.  
Lincoln. 1280

**Allegation Books 1598 to 1606 and 1612 to 1628, and fragmentary 1660 to 1690.**

**Abstract of Allegation Books in Registry of Bishop of Lincoln 1598 to 1628, by A. Gibbons, 1888.**

**Early Licences in the Episcopal Registers with later Licences to 1670, by A. Gibbons, printed in Northern Genealogist, i, 25 to iii, 63.**

#### **LLANDAFF.**

**Llandaff, 16th Cent.**

#### **LONDON CONSISTORY.**

**Diocesan Office, 1620  
St. Paul's Church-  
yard.**

**Abstracts of the Allegation Books 1520 to 1828, by J. L. Chester, Harl. Soc., xxv, xxvi, 1887. (*Not exhaustive.*)**

**Extracts from Marriage Licences granted by the Bishop of London 1598 to 1639, by H. F. Waters, 1892, in Essex Institute Hist. Colls., vol. xxviii, Nos. 2 and 3. (*Contains much omitted by Col. Chester.*)**

#### **LONDON, VICAR GENERAL.**

**Dean's Court, 1660  
3 Creed Lane, Doctors'  
Commons.**

**Abstracts of the Allegation Books 1660 to 1679, by J. L. Chester, 1886, Harl. Soc. xxiii. (*Very incomplete.*)**

**Abstracts of the Allegation Books 1660 to 1679, by G. J. Armytage, 1892, Harl. Soc. xxxiii and xxxiv. (*Contain the omissions in Col. Chester's work.*)**

**Abstracts of the Allegation Books 1679 to 1694, by G. J. Armytage, 1890, Harl. Soc. xxx and xxxi. (*Complete for period.*)**

#### **LONDON, FACULTY OFFICE.**

**Knight rider Street. 1549**

**Records missing 1549 to 1567, and 1575 to 1632.**

**Abstracts of Allegation Bonds, by J. L. Chester and G. J. Armytage, 1543 to 1575 (*complete*) and 1632 to 1869 (*extracts only*) 1886, Harl. Soc. xxiv.**

**Calendar of Marriage Licences issued by the Faculty Office 1632 to 1714, by G. E. Cokayne, Brit. Record Soc., *in progress.***

**LONDON, DEAN AND CHAPTER OF WESTMINSTER.**

Allegations of Marriage Licences by Dean and Chapter of Westminster 1558 to 1699, by J. L. Chester, 1886, Harl. Soc. xxiii. ( <i>Complete</i> .)	Somerset House, Dean and Chapter Act Books.	1558
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London Marriage Licences, by Joseph Foster, 1520 to 1869, pub. by B. Quaritch, London, 1888. (This vol. contains Col. J. L. Chester's selections, as above, but arranged as a whole in alphabetical order and cross indexed). It does not, however, contain those at the London Consistory or at the Vicar General's (1660-1679), which were omitted by Col. Chester, nor any at the latter office after 1679, all of which have since been printed by the Harleian Society. See above.)

**LONDON, LAMBETH.**

See MS. C. G. Y. 126 in College of Arms.	Lambeth Palace, Archbishop's Books.	1705
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**LONDON, ST. KATHERINES BY THE TOWER.**

Contains also 2 Licences 1699 and 1720 and Caveats (7 or 8) 1700 to 1793. Printed in Home Counties Magazine, iv, 29, to vi, 37.	Somerset House.	1755
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**NORWICH.**

There are no Licences at Norwich before 1670, but at the Bishop's Registry are Act Books of Admons. and Marriage Licences 1630-1645. One of the officials in this office has a large list of marriages from an early period, which may be con- sulted.	Bishop's Registry.	1630-45- 1670
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**NOTTINGHAM ARCHDEANERY.**

MS. Copy in College of Arms in 23 vols. folio.	Nottingham.	1594
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**OXFORD.**

Filed Marriage Bonds of Peculiars of Banbury 1617, Cropredy 1617, Dorchester 1626-76, and Thame 1617. See also under Arch. Bucks.	Somerset House.  Oxford.	1617 1735 1634
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<b>PETERBOROUGH.</b>	Peterborough.	1609
<b>ROCHESTER ARCHDEANERY.</b>	Rochester.	1635
<b>SARUM.</b>	Dioc. Reg., Cathedral Close.	1615
<b>ST. ALBANS.</b>	Somerset House.	1583
In Act Books of Archdeaconry. Marriage Licences in Arch. of St. Albans, 1583-1711, in Herts. Genealogist and Antiquary, i, 11, to iii, 311.	St. Albans.	1661
<b>ST. ASAPH.</b>	St. Asaph, Flintshire.	1675
<b>ST. DAVIDS.</b>	St. Davids, Pembroke.	1613
<b>SUDBURY ARCHDEACONRY.</b>	Bury St. Edmunds, Probate Court.	1610
<b>SUFFOLK ARCHDEANERY.</b>	Ipswich Probate Court.	1610
Marriage Licences of the Archdeanery of Suffolk 1613 to 1674, by F. A. Crisp, 1903. Marriage Licence Bonds in the Suffolk Archdeaconry Registry at Ipswich 1663 to 1750, by F. A. Crisp, 1900.		
<b>SURREY ARCHDEACONRY.</b>	Somerset House.	1662- 65-1674
See also Faculty Office, London and Winchester. Marriage Licences in Commissary Court of Surrey 1662-1665 from Probate Act Books at Somerset House, by A. R. Bax in Surrey Archaeological Society 1893, xi, 204.		
<b>WELLS.</b>		
See Bath and Wells.		1645
<b>WINCHESTER.</b>	Winchester.	1689
Hampshire Allegations for Marriage Licences by the Bishop of Winchester 1689 to 1837, 2 vols., by W. J. C. Moens, 1893, Harl. Soc. xxxv and xxxvi.		

**WORCESTER.**

A few (8) scattered entries 1446 to 1541. Index 1663 to 1720.

Marriage Licences in the Diocesan Registry at Worcester 1446 to 1725, by T. P. Wadley, in *Genealogist* vi, 177 *et seq.*, 1882, to N. S. ii, 212.

Many Marriage Licences and Bonds are filed in this Court, earliest 1544, infrequent until 1557-8.

See index to 1600 in *Brit. Record Society xxxi*, 1904, p. 110 *et seq.*

Edgar Tower,  
Worcester.

1579

Probate Court,  
Worcester.

1544

**YORK.**

The originals of the Marriage Licences at York, with the exception of the three years noted, have *totally disappeared* until 1661, from which date they run in regular series, except 1681-2, which are missing. From 1733 Affidavits and Bonds are together.

A partial transcript of them, 1567 to 1628, by W. Paver,\* is in the British Museum, Add. MS. 29667. This has been edited by C. B. Norcliff and printed in *Yorkshire Arch. and Topog. Journal*, 1882, vol. vii, pt. xxviii, page 289, *et seq.*, to 1893, pt. xlv, page 155. No other trace of these valuable documents exists.

Dioc. Reg., 1618-1620-  
York. 1661

**YORK.**

York Marriage Licences, 1374 to 1531, printed in *Surtees Society*, vol. xlv, by James Raine and J. W. Clay.

Selections only of York Marriage Licences, 1734-1744, by A. Gibbons in *Northern Genealogist* ii, 27., to vi, 69.

Bishop's Books. 1374

Dean and Chapter. { 1656  
1738  
Muniment Room. { 1764  
1769

**NOTE**—I am aware that the above Table is far from perfect, and will be greatly obliged for any additions to, or corrections of, the data given.

\*William Paver, born 1802, died 1871, was Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths at York. He seems to have been a most industrious but unscrupulous antiquary. His collections in the British Museum are in Add. MSS. 29644 to 29703.

The Probate and Parish Registers, which we have been considering heretofore, constitute the more evident and better known sources of information in England as well as in America; but we will suppose that the searcher has failed to build his pedigree to his satisfaction on these lines, and he will naturally turn next to the Public Record Office, in Fetter Lane, Fleet Street, London.

In this splendid pile of buildings, erected expressly for their safe housing, the English Government has gathered together, from a score of ancient and insecure depositories, the Archives of the Nation for a thousand years, and the result is the finest collection of historical and genealogical manuscripts in the world, of which all the years of a long lifetime would fail to even brush over a tithe of the contents.

The searcher's only course, before such a bewildering mass of material, is to select a certain class or classes of documents, and work these as thoroughly as his time and patience will allow. Search here is absolutely free, and the officials and attendants courteous and helpful to all serious enquirers, but the vast mass of matter to be dealt with makes progress slow at the best.

I may name five classes of documents in this office as those from which I have myself obtained the best results, and which I would recommend to the searcher. These are, in the order named:

CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS,  
LAY SUBSIDIES,  
FEET OF FINES,  
INQUISITIONS PORT MORTEM,  
WARDS AND LIVERIES.

The Court of Chancery is a court of equity, the records of which date from the reign of Richard II., and in which, at one time or another, probably every family in England has appeared. Frequently the evidence given in a single document is sufficient to construct the pedigree of several generations. The great mass of these manuscripts no doubt deters many from their examination, but I think few have undertaken a careful search of them who have not been abundantly rewarded. The Briefs of early

proceedings, Richard II. to Philip and Mary,<sup>†</sup> and of the reign of Queen Elizabeth,<sup>‡</sup> have been printed, (the latter somewhat imperfectly,) by the Government, but cannot be implicitly depended upon. The calendars of the Bills and Answers of the reign of Charles I. have also been printed.\* These are roughly arranged by Plaintiffs, under their respective letters, but must be searched throughout for the Defendants. The period of James I. has been commenced, in the *Genealogist*, but is still unfinished.<sup>†</sup> The still more interesting period of the Six Clerks Books "Ante 1714," has also been begun, but only one book, "Reynardson," has been issued.<sup>‡</sup> The introduction to this last gives a most excellent idea of the scope and methods of this Court, and to it the reader is referred, as also to an article on the same subject in the *Genealogist*.<sup>§</sup>

The following table will give a rough idea of these valuable documents and their indices and aid the beginner in getting access to them. Only three documents can be called for at one time and about twelve in a day as many as can be thoroughly abstracted.

<sup>†</sup>Vol. I, to circa 1483, pub. 1901.

<sup>‡</sup>Pub. in 3 vols., 1827-32.

\*British Record Society, vols. ii, v, vi, and xiv, 1889-96.

<sup>†</sup>*Genealogist*, vol. iv, p. 79 et seq.

<sup>‡</sup>British Record Society, vols. xxix and xxxii, 1903, 1904.

<sup>§</sup>Vol. iv, N. S., p. 71.

## CHANCERY PROCEEDINGS.

DATES.	TITLES.	INDICES.	NOTES.
1386-1558	Early Chan. Pros.	Index to Bundle 1, 1827 to Bundle 2, 1830. Index to whole series (except 1 and 2) in 2 vols., 1901-3. Index of Ancient Petitions of Chan. and Exch., 1892.	Series contains about 100,000 suits. See Rep. Dep. Keeper, app. II, p. 38.
1558-1603	B. & A. Elizabeth.	Index in 3 vols., 1827-32.	Very defective, many suits omitted. See MS. Cals.
1422-1685	Misc. Chan. Pros.	Index Nominum in 3 MS. vols. Index Locorum in one MS. vol.	About 39,000 suits before 1558.
1558-1603	Series I.	Index printed.	
1558-1685	Series II.	Index 1558-79, vol. vii, of Lists and Indexes.	About 20,000 suits 1558-79.
1603-1625	B. & A. James I.	Index in Gen. N. S. iv, 79, vi, 44, vii, 117, viii, 247, ix. 93, (unfortunately discontinued at letter C.) Consult Topham's Index in MS., also a recent MS. Index Locorum.	
1625-1649	B. & A. Charles I.	Index in Brit. Rec. Soc., 4 vols. II, v, vi, xiv, 1889 to 1896. Plaintiffs.	About 250,000 suits.
1649-1714	Ante 1714. Six Clerks Books.	One Clerk, Reynardson, in Brit. Rec. Soc., 2 vols. xxix, xxxii, 1903-5. MS. Index in 32 vols. Also Depositions in above series, viz., Bridges, vol. 6, Collins, vol. 10, Whittington, vol. 32.	Under Plaintiffs name only, does not include Depositions.
1558-1714	Depositions Ellis to 1714.		
1673-1852	Bill Books.	Index 156 vols. MS.	
1714-1842	Six Clerks Books and Depositions.	Index 26 MS. vols.	Since 1842 all Proceedings are filed together and arranged alphabetically years.



Other Court rolls are also of great value, and among them may be named the De Banco, Coram Rege, Star Chamber, Common Pleas, etc., but relatively few of the cases tried in these Courts possess the high genealogical value of those in the Court of Chancery.\*

The Lay Subsidies consist of tax levies for grants made to the King by Parliament, and are of great use as giving complete lists of the better class of inhabitants at short given periods, and for locating persons in certain parishes they are invaluable. They are grouped by counties, well indexed and readily consulted. The Hearth Tax is too late for most American work, dating from 1666 only, but of great value for its period. The Ship Money Returns for the Counties of Essex and Suffolk are early and valuable.† Muster Rolls from the reign of Henry VIII. are also of great value and should always be consulted in connection with the Lay Subsidies. A fine example, not in the Record Office, is that for Gloucestershire in 1608.‡

The Pedes Finium, or Feet of Fines, and the Fines and Recoveries, constitute another most valuable class of documents, furnishing the only records approximating a registration of deeds, which, incredible as it may seem, was unknown to England of the 17th Century, and now only exists partially and from the time of Queen Anne, in the counties of Middlesex and York. These papers represent the Final Concord of a friendly suit for the purchase and sale of a piece of property. The indices, in 99 vols., are chronological only, but with marginal notes of the county, which aid somewhat in the search. It is always a tedious one, and too often without reward, but not, in important cases, to be neglected.¶

The Inquisitions Post Mortem were enquiries held upon the decease of any tenant holding lands "In Capite" or directly from the

\*See Pedigrees from the Plea Rolls by Major Gen. Geo. Wrottesley in *Genealogist*, N. S. vii., 242, 1891, to N. S. xxi, 17, 1904, reprinted in book form, Exeter, 1905, also Pedigrees from the De Banco Rolls temp. Henry VII. by H. J. T. Wood in *Genealogist*, N. S. xxii., 26, 1905, in progress.

†See Harl. MS. 7540, 2, for Suff. 1639, now pub. by Suffolk Inst. of Arch. 1904.

‡Names of All Able Men within the Co. of Glouc., compiled by John Smith of North Nibley, August, 1608. Edited from MS. at Sherborne House in Glouc., London, 1902.

¶See list of printed calendars and abstracts in W. Rye's *Record Searching*, 1888, p. 40, and Lansdown MSS. 306, 307 and 308, at the British Museum.

King. They constitute a very valuable class of records, dating from the time of Henry III., are admirably preserved, well indexed, and easily consulted. There are several series of these: the Chancery, Exchequer, Lancaster, and Wards and Liveries, all of which should be seen.

The Court of Wards and Liveries, which was an outgrowth of the last named Inquisitions, is among the least known of the more familiar documents in the Record Office. Established in the reign of Henry VIII., it passed out of existence at the time of the Civil War, but in the brief period which it covers, its documents are full of valuable information bearing in all cases directly upon family history.\*\*

The lists of persons taking ship for America have been thoroughly worked out and printed by Drake and Hotton,†† and little or nothing remains to add to their discoveries, although fresh lists are liable to be found in the Record Office at any time, in the course of assortment, and it may be well always to make enquiry of the officers there whenever the American searcher finds himself in London.\*

The Herald's Visitations, made from 1530 to 1686, constitute a unique class of evidences as to the armigerous families of England, to which some of the early American emigrants belonged, having been younger sons of county families, seeking to make their fortunes beyond the seas. The list which follows will be found useful to those who may wish to consult these valuable documents. Nearly all of the originals are to be found in the College of Arms, but copies of most, and in a few cases the originals, are to be found in the British Museum, the Bodleian, Ashmolean and other Libraries, notably those of the University Colleges.† Very many of these Visitations have been printed and can be readily consulted in that form. All such are indicated in the following table.

All should be carefully examined, and, where duplicate copies

\*\*See index of Deeds in this court, in Deputy Keeper of Pub. Rec's, Rept. VI, app. II, No. 1, Cole's Extracts in Brit. Mus., Harl. MSS. 410, 411, 756 to 760, of which an index has been printed by Sir Thomas Phillips.

††Founders of New England, by S. G. Drake, 1860; Original Lists of Emigrants, by J. C. Hotton, 1874.

\*See also Calendar of Col. State Papers, 1574 to 1660, pub. 1860.

†For a much more detailed list of these MSS., giving locations of duplicates, see Sims' Manual for the Genealogist (1856), p. 161.

exist, they should be collated for the errors and omissions which are only too frequent.

In the following table an attempt has been made to catalogue every Visitation with its original MS. and all such copies as are to be found in Libraries, among which are included those pseudo Visitations which were only copies, with additions, from a former visitation; but should not on that account be neglected, as they often contain information of great value, not to be found elsewhere. These copies are indicated by asterisks.

Among the public collections, after the College of Arms, the British Museum is easily first, having had (in 1854) no less than 312 MSS. of Visitations, of which 200 were in the Harleian Collection alone, and this number has since been considerably augmented. Caius College, Cambridge, has 54, and Queen's College, Oxford, 40.

The greater number of the originals are, of course, to be found at the College of Arms, and also many copies, but as this institution is less accessible to the student, they have been given a secondary place in the list of copies. Where no reference of locality is given, the British Mus. will be understood.

The list of printed and prospective Visitations (now happily increasing) has been brought up to date and is believed to be complete; the author must express his obligation to the works of Bridges, Sims, Marshall, Nicholls, Phillimore and others for valuable aid in its compilation. In it have been included even the rare and defective works of Sir Thos. Phillipps, now largely superseded by more modern and careful work. For those who have not access to the Libraries, and even to those who have, it will be found useful. Criticism and correction of the errors which never fail to creep into a compilation of this kind are cordially invited.

The various County Histories should also be consulted for extracts, more or less complete and accurate.

**HERALD'S VISITATIONS  
OF  
ENGLAND, IRELAND AND WALES.**

DATE.	ORIGINAL.	COPIES.	PRINTED.
<b>ANGLESEY.</b>			
1586 to 1613	Dwnn's MS. at Glanywern, Denb.	Evans MS. at Eyton Hall, Heref.	See note under Wales.
<b>BEDFORD.</b>			
1566	Coll. Arm. H. 9.	Harl. MSS. 1531, 4600, 5867. Queen's Coll. cxiv. Caius Coll. 541. 13. Coll. Arm. H. 15, Phillipot, P. 49.	Visits. of Bedford 1566, 1582 and 1634, by F. A. Blaydes in Harl. Soc., xix, 1884.
1582	Harl. MS. 5867.	Harl. MSS. 5109, 5186, 3968.	F. A. Blaydes, <i>ut supra.</i>
1586*		Queen's Coll., cxiv.	
1634	Coll. Arm. C. 31.	Harl. MS. 4108.	F. A. Blaydes, <i>ut supra.</i>
1669	Coll. Arm. D. 24.	Harl. MS. 1405.	Index in Harl. Soc., xix, 204-9.
<b>BERKS.</b>			
1532	Coll. Arm. H. 20.	Add. MS. 12479.	Visits. of Berks., 1532, 1566, 1623 and 1664, by W. H. Rylands in Harl. Soc., liv, 1905. O. Barron in Gen. N. S., xiv, 1898.
1566	Coll. Arm. G. 5.	Harl. MSS. 5822, 1081, 5867. Bodl. Lib. Gough MS.	W. C. Metcalfe in Gen. N. S., i. 1, 1884; also by Sir Thos. Phillips, 1840, but A to C only; see also Ashmole's Ant. of Berks., 1719, iii, p. 285.
1584	Queen's Coll., lxxxii.		
1597*		Caius Coll. 531.	
1623	Coll. Arm. C. 18.	Harl. MSS. 1532, 4108. Add. MSS. 4961, 14283. Ashm. Lib., 852.	Sir Thos. Phillips, A to C, <i>ut supra.</i>
1664	Coll. Arm. C. 12.	Harl. MSS. 1483, 1530. Add. MS. 14284. Ashm. Lib. 851.	W. C. Metcalfe in Gen., v. 225, 1881; Sir Thos. Phillips, <i>ut supra.</i> Consult also Wm. Berry's Pedigrees of Berks. Families, fol. 1837.

DATE.	ORIGINAL	COPIES.	PRINTED.
<b>BUCKS.</b>			
s. d.	(1522?) Coll. Arm. H. 15.	Bodl. Lib., Gough MS. Coll. Arm., Phillipot, 4 P., 5 P.	
1566	Coll. Arm. H. 9.	Harl. MSS. 5867, 5181, 3968, 1429, f. 68. Coll. Arm., Phillipot, 49 P., Vincent 138.	W. C. Metcalfe in Gen., viii, 16, 1883.
1574	Coll. Arm. F. 1.	Harl. MSS. 1139, 1533. Coll. Arm. G. 3.	Harl. Soc., <i>in pro-</i> <i>gress.</i>
1580*			
1634	Coll. Arm. C. 26.	Harl. MSS. 1533, 1102, 1151, 1193, 1136, 1391, 1234.† Caius Coll. 534. Queen's Coll. cxxv. Coll. Arm., Phillipot, 49 P.	Harl. Soc., <i>in pro-</i> <i>gress.</i>
1669	Coll. Arm. C. 2.		Consult also Wm. Ber- ry's Bucks. Families, 1837.
<b>BRECON.</b>			
		Harl. MS. 2239.	There is no Visit. of this co., this MSS. is a collection only.
<b>CAMBRIDGE.</b>			
s. d.	Coll. Arm. G. 14. 18.		
1575.	Coll. Arm. G. 10.	Harl. MSS. 1534, 1401. Add. MS. 16940.	J. W. Clay in Harl. Soc., xii, 1897.
1619	Coll. Arm. C. 11.	Harl. MSS. 1043, 6769, 6770, 1534, 1401. Add. MS. 4962. Caius Coll. 542. Queen's Coll. xciii. Bodl. Lib. Coll. Arm., Vincent 131.	J. W. Clay, <i>ut supra.</i> Sir Thos. Phillippa, 1840.
1634	Coll. Arm. K. 7.		W. C. Metcalfe in Gen., iii, 231, 296, 1879.
<b>CARDIGAN.</b>			
1586 }	Dwnn's MS.		See note under Wales.
1613 }	Eg. MS. 2585.		
<b>CARMARTHEN.</b>			
1586 }	Dwnn's MS.		See note under Wales.
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<b>CARNARVON.</b>			
1586 }	Dwnn's MS.		See note under Wales.
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1533	Harl. MS. 2076.		J. P. Rylands, <i>ut infra</i> .
1566	Coll. Arm. D. 3.	Coll. Arm. E. D. N., no. 17. Queen's Coll., F. 10, no. 70.	J. P. Rylands, <i>ut infra</i> .
1580		Harl. MSS. 1424, 1505, 5182. Coll. Arm. E. D. N. no. 17, and I. D. xiv. Chetham Lib. 6694, f. 133.	J. P. Rylands in Harl. Soc., xviii, 1882.
1591	Harl. MS. 2163, f. 71.†		J. P. Rylands, <i>ut supra</i> .
1613	Coll. Arm. C. 6.	Harl. MS. 1535, f. 35.	
1663	Coll. Arm. C. 38.		See also Hunter's Min- orum Gen., see note under Yorks.
<b>CORNWALL.</b>			
1530	Coll. Arm. H. 18.	Add. MS. 14315. Coll. Arm. G. 2 (1).	J. L. Vivian, 1887, <i>ut infra</i> .
1573	Coll. Arm. E. 15.	Harl. MS. 1079. Coll. Arm. G. 6 (1), H. 16. Calus Coll., 553.	J. L. Vivian, 1887, <i>ut infra</i> .
1620	Harl. MSS. 1162, 1164.	Coll. Arm. C. 1. and E. D. N., no. 2. Harl. MSS. 1079, 1142, 1149, 891, 1956, 4632, 5827, 1482, 4031, 6252. Cott. MS. Faust E. iii. Calus Coll., 532. Bodl. Lib. 5054, f. 59.	J. L. Vivian and H. H. Drake in Harl. Soc. ix, 1874. Also Visitations of 1530, 1573 and 1620 by J. L. Vivian, Exeter, 1887. (With copious additions by the author.) Sir Nicholas H. Nic- olas began this Visit. in 1838, but only 28 pp. printed, to Carew.
<b>CUMBERLAND.</b>			
1530	Coll. Arm. D. 4.		Her. Visit. of North- ern Cos., by W. H. D. Longstaffe in Sur- tees Soc. xli, 1863.
1615		Harl. MSS. 1374, f. 12, 1536. Coll. Arm. Vincent 142.	J. Fetherston in Harl. Soc. vii, 1872, and Joseph Foster, Car- lisle, 1891.
1665	Coll. Arm. C. 39.		Joseph Foster, <i>ut supra</i> .

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1569	Coll. Arm. H. 19.	Harl. MSS. 886, 2134, f. 99, 6592, 2113, f. 34, 1484, f. 23. Ash. Lib. 798. Coll. Arm., Vincent 146.	W. C. Metcalfe in Gen. N. S., vii, 1891.
1611	Coll. Arm. C. 4.	Harl. MSS. 1093, 1153, f. 93, 1486, f. 23, 1537. Eg. MS. 996. Queen's Coll. xci. Caius Coll. 529. Coll. Arm. Vincent,, 146.	W. C. Metcalfe <i>ut supra</i> .
1634	Coll. Arm. C. 33.		
1662	Coll. Arm. C. 34.	Harl. MS. 6104.	Gen. ii, 391, 1878, also an index of names by Sir Thos. Phillpps and by F. A. Crispe. Consult also Hunter's Minorum Gentium, <i>see</i> note under Yorks.
<b>DEVON.</b>			
1531	Coll. Arm. H. 18.	Add. MS. 14315.* Ashm. Lib. 763. Bodl. Lib., Gough MS. Coll. Arm. G. 2 (1).	Visitations of 1531, 1564 and 1620, by J. L. Vivian, Exeter, 1895, with copious additions by the author.
1564	Coll. Arm. D. 7.	Harl. MSS. 3288, f. 25, 5185, 1567, 1399, 5840, 5871, 1091, 1080, f. 364. Add. MS. 14288. All Souls Coll., Oxf., Grafton's Peds. 58. Coll. Arm. G. 19, 2, H. 7, H. 15.	J. L. Vivian, <i>ut supra</i> .
1572	Coll. Arm. H. 15.	Caius Coll. 537. Harl. MS. 1080.	
1620	Harl. MSS. 1163, 1164.	Caius Coll. 530.† Bodl. Lib. 5054, f. 59. Coll. Arm. C. I.	F. T. Colby in Harl. Soc. vi, 1872.‡ Also J. L. Vivian <i>ut supra</i> , also John Tuckett with additions, 2 vols, 4to., 1856, also Sir Thos. Phillpps.

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1530 Coll. Arm. H. 18.		
1565 Coll. Arm. G. 8.	Harl. MSS. 888, f. 37, 1092, 1153, f. 69, 2186, 1451, 1539.	W. C. Metcalfe in Gen. N. S. ii, 219, 1885-87.
1623 Harl. MS. 1166.	Harl. MSS. 1451, 1539, Caius Coll. 544. Coll. Arm. C. 22, E. D. N., no. 16.	J. P. Rylands in Harl. Soc., xx, 1885. Also some extra pedigrees by F. T. Colby and J. P. Rylands, in Misc. Gen. and Her., 2d Ser, ii, 265, 1888.
1672 Coll. Arm. D. 28.		
<b>DURHAM.</b>		
1530 Coll. Arm. D. 4.		Heraldic Visit. of the Northern Cos. by W. D. H. Longstaffe in Surtees Soc. xii, 1863.
1566 Coll. Arm. H. 19.		
1575*	Harl. MSS. 1171, f. 65, 1540. Queen's Coll. cxxvi. Durham Cath. MS. Allan 3. Coll. Arm, Philipot 11. P.	N. J. Phillipson fol., Newcastle, 1820, also Joseph Foster 1887.
1615 Coll. Arm. C. 32.	Harl. MSS. 1540, 1153, f. 48, 1397, f. 201, 1168, 1540.	Sir Cuthbert Sharp and J. B. Taylor, fol., Sunderland 1820, also Joseph Foster <i>ut su- pra</i>
1666 Coll. Arm. C. 41.	Caius Coll. 541, 4. Queen's Coll. cxxviii. Coll. Arm. C. 32 and Vincent 118.	Index in Surtees' Dur- ham i, app. iii.
<b>ESSEX.</b>		
s. d. (1530?) Coll. Arm.	Add. MS. 709.	Visitations of Essex 1552, 1558, 1570, 1612 and 1634, and Misc. Peds. from Harl. MSS. by W. C. Metcalfe in Harl. Soc. xiii and xiv, 1878-9, includes copy of Berry's Essex Pedigrees, 1850.
1552*		W. C. Metcalfe <i>ut supra</i>
1558*	Harl. MSS. 1137, f. 11, 1484, f. 52.	
1570 Coll. Arm. H. 10.	Add. MS. 16940. Coll. Arm. D. 11.	
1582*	Harl. MS. 6065.	
1612 Coll. Arm. C. 15.	Harl. MS. 6065. Queen's Coll. xcv.	W. C. Metcalfe <i>ut supra</i>
1634 Coll. Arm. C. 21.	Harl. MS. 1542. 1083, 1398, 1432, 1541, 7017 (40). Coll. Arm. Philipot, 13. P.	W. C. Metcalfe <i>ut supra</i>



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	1664-8 Coll. Arm. D. 21.		J. J. Howard, 1888. Consult also Pedigrees of Essex Families by Wm. Berry, 1850.(?)
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	1670 Coll. Arm. D. 26.		
<b>GLAMORGAN.</b>			
			There is no Visit. of this county, but see Glamorganshire Ped- igrees from the MSS. of Sir Isaac Heard, Knt., Garter King of Arms, by Sir Thos. Phillipps, Worcester, 1845.
<b>GLOUCESTER.</b>			
	s. d. Caius Coll. 553 (6.)		
1533	Coll. Arm. H. 20.		Harl. Soc., <i>in progress</i> .
1569	Coll. Arm. D. 12.	Coll. Arm. G. 9, f. 74.	Sir John Maclean and W. C. Heane <i>ut infra</i> .
		Harl. MSS. 2230, f. 92, 615, f. 173, Ashm. Lib. 831.	
1582-3*		Harl. MSS. 1041, f. 18, 1543.	Sir John Maclean and W. C. Heane <i>ut in- fra</i>
		Coll. Arm. Vincent 115.	
1623	Coll. Arm. C. 17.	Harl. MSS. 1041, f. 18, 1543.	Visitation of Gloucester in 1623, with Ped- igrees from Visits. of 1569 and 1582-3, by Sir John Maclean and W. C. Heane, in Harl. Soc. xxi, 1885.
1682-3	Coll. Arm. K. 5.	Phillipps Lib.	T. F. Fenwick and W. C. Metcalfe, Exe- ter, 1884; also Sir Thos. Phillipps, 1866, but only 20 pp., to Cutler, printed.
<b>HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.</b>			
1531	Coll. Arm. H. 18.	Harl. MS. 1544. Coll. Arm. H. 7 (1), D. 13.	Harl. Soc. have in preparation Visits. of 1531, 1575 and 1622.
1552*		Add. MS. 7093, f. 80.	
1575	Coll. Arm. G. 16.	Harl. MSS. 1544, 1139, 1186, 1483, f. 167, 3968.	Visits of 1575 and 1622 printed by Sir Thos. Phillipps, 1854.
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| 1622 Coll. Arm. C. 19. | Harl. MS. 1544.<br>Coll. Arm. Vincent MS. |  |
| 1686 Coll. Arm. K. 8.  | Phillipps Lib.                            |  |

Consult also Pedigrees of Hampshire Families by Wm. Berry, 1833.

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| 1569 Coll. Arm. D. 12. | Harl. MSS. 615, 1442, 1545.<br>Ashm. Lib. 831.<br>Co'l. Arm. G. 9.<br>Caius Coll. 553, (7). | Printed by F. W. Weaver, 1886.   |
| 1586*                  | Harl. MS. 1159.<br>Add MS. 19815.<br>Coll. Arm. Vincent 115, Philipot 20, C; 21. P.         |                                  |
| 1634 Coll. Arm. C. 25. | Coll. Arm. C. 28.   | Harl. Soc., <i>in progress</i> . |
| 1683 Coll. Arm. K. 6.  | Egmont Lib (?) at St. James Pl., Lond.†   |                                  |

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| 1572 Coll. Arm. G. 17. | Harl. MSS. 1433, 1504, 1546, 6147.<br>Queen's Coll. xcvi.<br>Coll. Arm. G. 16., G. 9, f. 39.<br>Philipot 37, L.<br>Chetham Lib. MS. 7995. | Visits of 1572 and 1634 by W. C. Metcalfe, 1886, in Harl. Soc. xxii. |
| 1634 Coll. Arm. C. 28. | Harl. MSS. 1504, 1547, 1234, f. 112.<br>Caius Coll. 549 (5).<br>Chetham Lib. MS. 7995.  | W. C. Metcalfe <i>ut supra</i> .                                     |
| 1669 Coll. Arm. D. 24. |   |  |

Consult also Wm. Berry's Pedigrees of Families of Herts, 1833.

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| 1564 Coll. Arm. H. 4.          | Harl. MS. 890, f. 99.<br>Coll. Arm. H. 15.  |  |
| 1613 Cott. MS. Julius F, viii. | Harl. MSS. 1179 1075.<br>Co'l. Arm. C. 3, EDN, 7; 8, Vincent no. 125.<br>and Philipot 22, F.<br>caius Coll. 524.<br>Queen's Coll. xciv. | Sir Henry Ellis, in Camden Soc., xliii, 1849.<br>A Visit, printed by Sir Thos. Phillipps in the Topographer, March 1821. |
| 1684 Coll. Arm. K. 7.          |   |  |

†Hist. MSS. Com., Rep., vii, App. 232.

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1530	Coll. Arm. D. 13(?).	Coll. Arm., Vincent, 116.	
1574	Coll. Arm. H. 2.	Harl. MS. 1484, f. 60. Add. MSS. 16279, 5532. Caius Coll. 536, f. 31. Queen's Coll. cl. Chetham Lib. 6694, f. 74. Soc. Ant. MS. 164.	
1592*		Harl. MSS. 1196, f. 104. 2198, f. 86. Coll. Arm. G. 12.	
1619	Coll. Arm. C. 18.	Harl. MSS. 1106, 1432, 1548, 6138. Add. MSS. 5507, 5526, 16279. Stowe MS. 618. Queen's Coll. xcix. Caius Col. 550. Coll. Arm., Phillipot, 23 P.	R. Hovenden, 1898, in Harl. Soc. xlii; also by J. J. Howard in Kent Arch. Soc., iv, and v, but never completed, 1863-76.
1623*		Add MS. 8932.	
1663-8	Coll. Arm. D. 18.	Add MS. 8931. Soc. Ant. 163 (?).	Partly printed by J. J. Howard and R. Hovenden, 1887. Consult also Pedigrees of Families of Kent by Wm. Berry, 1830.

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1533	Harl. MS. 2076, f. 11.		W. Langton, 1876-82, in Chetham Soc., xcvi, cx.
1567	Coll. Arm. D. 3.	Harl. MSS. 2086, 891, f. 59, 1468, f. 12, 1549, 6159. Caius Coll. 523; 527. Queen's Coll. c. Coll. Arm. E.D.N., 9. Chetham Lib. 6715.	F. R. Raines, 1870, in Chetham Soc., lxxxi.
1613	Coll. Arm. C. 5.	Harl. MS. 1437.	F. R. Raines, 1871, in Chetham Soc. lxxxiv.
1664-5	Coll. Arm. C. 37.		F. R. Raines, 1872, in Chetham Soc., lxxxviii. See also Hunter's Minorum Gentium, See note under Yorks.

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1563	Coll. Arm. G. 11.	Add MS. 17065, f. 125. Coll. Arm. H. 12. P. 7.	John Fetherstone, 1870, in Harl. Soc. II.
1619	Coll. Arm. C. 8. Harl. MS. 1195, f. 72.	Harl. MSS. 6125, 6183, 1431, 1187, f. 97, 1189, 1180. Caius Coll., 519. New Coll., cccxxx. Queen's Coll. lxxxix. Coll. Arm. Vincent, no. 127.	
1682-3	Coll. Arm. K. 2.		
			See John Nichol's Hist. of Co. Leicester, 1795-1811, 4 vols, for the pedigrees record- ed in the Visits. with additions. Index in Harl. Soc. II, p. viii, preface.
<b>LINCOLN.</b>			
1562-4	Coll. Arm. D. 8.	Caius Coll. 545. Queen's Coll. xcii. Coll. Arm. E.D.N. 10. Harl. MSS. 1190, 1550, 1484, f. 3.	W. C. Metcalfe in Gen. III, 337 <i>et seq.</i> 1880-81.
1592	Coll. Arm. H. 11.	Harl. MS. 1550. Add. MS. 16940. Coll. Arm. G. 4.	W. C. Metcalfe in Gen. v, 187 <i>et seq.</i> 1881-82.
1634	Coll. Arm. C. 23.		See Lincolnshire Pedi- grees (MSS. by A. S. Larken, Richmond Herald) ed. by A. R. Maddison, in Harl. Soc. I, II, III, IV, 1902-1906, for most of the pedigrees re- corded in the Visita- tions.
1666	Coll. Arm. D. 23.		
<b>LONDON.</b>			
1568	Coll. Arm. F. 1.	Harl. MS. 1463. Coll. Arm. G. 10 (1).	J. J. Howard and G. J. Armytage in Harl. Soc. I, 1869.
1633-5	Coll. Arm. C. 24.	Harl. MS. 1476. Coll. Arm. K. 9, Philipot 32, L.	J. J. Howard and J. L. Chester in Harl. Soc. xv, xvii, 1880, 1883.
1664	Coll. Arm. D. 19.		
1687	Coll. Arm. K. 9.		
<b>MIDDLESEX.</b>			
1572	Coll. Arm. G. 17.	Coll. Arm. G. 16.	Sir Thos. Phillpotts, 1820, reprinted by Jos. Foster, 1887.
1634	Coll. Arm. C. 28.		
1663	Coll. Arm. D. 17.		

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1586 to 1613		See note under Wales.
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1683 Coll. Arm. K. 6.		
<b>ONTGOMERY.</b>		
1586 to 1613	Phillipps Lib.	See note under Wales.
<b>ORFOLK.</b>		
1563 Coll. Arm. G. 1.	Harl. MSS. 1552, 4755, 5189, 1177, f. 98, 6093, 6166 (2), 1174. Add. MS. 19816. Caius Coll. 555. Queen's Coll. cxv. Bodl. Lib., Rawlinson MS. Coll. Arm. H. 3, Vincent 123.	Visit. of Norfolk, 1563, 1589 and 1613, by W. Rye in Harl. Soc. xxxii, 1891; also vol. i, 1878 of same in Norf. Arch. Soc., vol. ii, 1863, <i>still in progress</i> .
1589 Coll. Arm. H. 17.	Harl. MS. 1552. Queen's Coll. xc.	Harl. Soc. xxxii, <i>ut supra</i> .
1613 Coll. Arm. C. 15.	Harl. MSS. 5823, f. 64, 1154, f. 43.	Harl. Soc. xxxii, <i>ut supra</i> .
1664-8 Coll. Arm. D. 20.		Index by C. H. Athill, 1886.
<b>ORTHAMPTON.</b>		
1564 Coll. Arm. H. 4.	Harl. MSS. 1553, 890, 1171, f. 19, 1138. Queen's Coll. cxii. Caius Coll. 541 (6-7). Coll. Arm. H. 15, Vincent no. 44.	Visits. of Northamptonshire, 1564 and 1618-19, by W. C. Metcalfe, 1887.
1617*	Queen's Coll. cviii.	
1618- Coll. Arm. C.	Harl. MSS. 1553, 1184, 1094, 1187, f. 10, 1084, f. 15, 1188.	W. C. Metcalfe, <i>ut supra</i> .
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1681-2 Coll. Arm. K. 1.		
<b>ORTHUMBERLAND.</b>		
1530 Coll. Arm. D. 4.		Heraldic Visit. of the Northern Cos. by W. D. H. Longstaff in Surtees Soc. xii, 1863.
1575*	Queen's Coll. cxxvi. Harl. MS. 1554.	
1615 Coll. Arm., Dugdale's MS.	Harl. MSS. 1448, 1554, 1153, f. 50. Coll. Arm. Vincent 149. Caius Coll. 541. (3).	G. W. Marshall in Gen. i, 299 <i>et seq</i> , 1878; also by Joseph Foster, Newcastle, 1891.
1666 Coll. Arm. C. 41.		Joseph Foster, 1891 <i>ut supra</i> .

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1530	Coll. Arm. D. 4.	Harl. MS. 1499, f. 41.	Heraldic Visit. of the Northern Cos, by W. D. H. Longstaff in <i>Surtees Soc.</i> xli, 1863.
1569	Coll. Arm., Dugdale's MS.	Harl. MS. 1555, 886, f. 2. Coll. Arm. Vincent 117. Calus Coll. 541 (1). Queen's Coll. cxvii.	Visits. of Notts, 1569 and 1614 by G. W. Marshall, in <i>Harl. Soc.</i> iv, 1871.
1575*		Coll. Arm. Vincent 117 and Dugdale's MS.	
1614	Coll. Arm. C. 9.	Harl. MSS. 1400, 1555, 1082, f. 64.	G. W. Marshall <i>ut supra</i>
1662-4	Coll. Arm. C. 34.		Index in <i>Harl. Soc.</i> iv, p. vi, preface.
<b>OXFORD.†</b>			
1533	Coll. Arm. H. 20.		
1566	Coll. Arm. H. 9.	Harl. MSS. 5867, 1097, 3966. Coll. Arm. G. 5, and Phillpot, 49 P.	Visits of Oxford 1566, 1574 and 1634, by W. H. Turner, in <i>Harl. Soc.</i> v, 1871.
1574	Coll. Arm. F. 1.	Harl. MSS. 1412. (29.) 1095, 5187, 808, 6166, f. 138, 3968, 1556. Lansdown 880. Coll. Arm. G. 3, G. 14, E.D.N. 11, Vincent 128. Queen's Coll. cxxxii. Calus Coll. 538, (3).	W. H. Turner <i>ut supra</i> also by Sir Thos. Phillipps in <i>Topographer</i> , March, 1821.
1634	Coll. Arm. C. 29.	Harl. MSS. 1480 1557. Queen's Coll. cxxix. Calus Coll. 583. (1).	W. H. Turner <i>ut supra</i> and Sir Thos. Phillipps <i>ut supra</i> .
1668 } 1675 }	Coll. Arm. D. 25.		
<b>PEMBROKE.</b>			
1586 } 1613 }	Eg. MS. 2585.		
1671	Chetham Lib., MS. 6715.		See note under Wales.
<b>RUTLAND.</b>			
1618 } 1619 }	Coll. Arm. C. 14.	Harl. MSS. 1558, 1094, f. 230. Coll. Arm. Vincent 132.	G. J. Armytage in <i>Harl. Soc.</i> iii, 1870.
1681 } 1682 }	Coll. Arm. K. 1.		Index in <i>Harl. Soc.</i> iii, p. v, <i>ut supra</i> .

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1569	Coll. Arm. G. 9.	Harl. MS. 615.	Harl. Soc. xxviii, <i>xxix</i> , <i>ut infra</i> .
1584	Coll. Arm. G. 15.	Add. MS. 14814.† Harl. MSS. 1241, 6172. Coll. Arm. Vincent 115, D. 10.	Harl. Soc. xxviii, <i>xxix</i> , <i>ut infra</i> .
1623	Coll. Arm. C. 20.	Harl. MSS. 1396, 1982, 1472. Coll. Arm. Vincent 134. Caius Coll. 533, f. 48. Sch. Lib., Shrewsbury.	Visit. of Shropshire, 1623, with additions from 1569 and 1584 by G. Grazebrook and J. P. Rylands, Harl. Soc. xxviii, <i>xxix</i> , 1889.
1663	Coll. Arm. C. 35.	Add. MS. 21025.	Index by W. H. B. Bird.
<b>OMERSET.</b>			
1531	Coll. Arm. H. 18.	Add. MS. 14815. Ashm. Lib. Coll. Arm. D. 13.	Visits. of Somerset, 1531 and 1573, with Additional Pedigrees from 1591, by F. W. Weaver, Exeter, 1885.
1573	Coll. Arm. F. 7.	Harl. MSS. 1385, 1559, 1445. Add. MS. 17065. Coll. Arm. E.D.N. 6, Vincent MSS. 141, 147.	F. W. Weaver <i>ut supra</i> .
1591	Coll. Arm. G. 19.	Harl. MSS. 1559, 1445.	F. W. Weaver <i>ut supra</i> .
1623	Harl. MS. 1141.	Harl. MSS. 1445, 1559. Caius Coll. 540. Coll. Arm. C. 22.	F. T. Colby in Harl. Soc. xi, 1876; also Sir Thos. Phillipp, 1831-3, fol. London.
1672	Coll. Arm. D. 27.		
<b>TAFFORD.</b>			
1523	Harl. MS. 2113 (14).†	Coll. Arm. H. 20.	
1566	Coll. Arm. H. 19.	Harl. MS. 886, f. 65.	
1583	Queen's Coll., oxi.	Harl. MSS. 1570, 1415, f. 105, 6128, 1173, 1077. Lansdown MS. 843, f. 98. Bodl. Lib., Gough MS., Dodesworth MS. 5037, f. 8. Coll. Arm. Dugdale's MSS., Vincent 133, E.D.N. 13.	H. S. Grazebrook in Wm. Salt Arch. Soc., Stafford Colls. iii, pt. 2, 1883.
1614	Coll. Arm. C. 10.	Harl. MSS. 1439, 1173, f. 112. Caius Coll. 528.	Heraldic Visits. of Stafford, 1614 and 1663-64, by H. S. Grazebrook in Wm. Salt Arch. Soc., Staf- ford Colls., v, pt. 2, 1884.

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1663 }	Coll. Arm.	Wm. Salt Lib., Had-	H. S. Grazebrook <i>ut</i>
1664 }	C. 36.	field MS.	<i>supra</i> , and Sir Thos.
		Harl. MS. 6104.	Phillipps, 1854 (the
			last very imperfect).
<b>SUFFOLK.</b>			
1561	Coll. Arm. G. 7.	Harl. MSS. 1103, 1177, 155, 1560, 1449. Caius Coll. 554. Queen's Coll. cxiv. Bodl. Lib., Gough MS. Coll. Arm. G. 14, Vincent 144. Lansdown MS. 876.	Visits of Suffolk, 1561, 1577 and 1612, by W. C. Metcalfe, Exeter, 1832. J. J. Howard in <i>East</i> <i>Anglian</i> , March, 1864 <i>et seq.</i> , reprinted in 2 vols, 1866-1871, with notes, but never com- pleted.
1577	Coll. Arm. H. 14.	Harl. MSS. 891, 1560. Coll. Arm. H. 13, G. 14.	W. C. Metcalfe <i>ut supra</i> .
1581*		Harl. MS. 1484, f. 41	
1612	Coll. Arm. C. 15.	Harl. MSS. 1560, 1820, f. 11.	W. C. Metcalfe <i>ut supra</i> .
1668	Coll. Arm. D. 22.		
<b>SURREY.</b>			
1530	Coll. Arm. H. 7.	Harl. MS. 1561. Coll. Arm. D. 18.	Visits of Surrey, 1530, 1572 and 1623 by W. B. Bannerman in Harl. Soc. xliii, 1899.
1552*		Add. MS. 7098.	
1572	Coll. Arm. G. 17.	Harl. MSS. 1561, 1433. f. 25, 1433, f. 167. Add. MS. 17065. Caius Coll. 536, (44).	W. B. Bannerman <i>ut</i> <i>supra</i> .
1623	Coll. Arm. C. 2.	Harl. MSS. 1561, 1430, 5330, 1433, f. 1, 1147, 1397, f. 38. Add. MSS. 4963, 12478, 14311. Caius Coll. 535. Queen's Coll. cxvi. Coll. Arm. Vincent, 129.	W. B. Bannerman <i>ut</i> <i>supra</i> ; also by J. J. Howard and others in Surrey Arch. Colls. i, 1858 <i>et seq.</i> , <i>still in</i> <i>progress</i> . An index by W. C. Metcalfe to end of vol. vii, pt. 2 (privately printed).
1662	Coll. Arm. D. 15.	Add. MS. 5533.	Consult also Wm. Berry's Surrey Fam- ilies, 1837.
1668			
<b>SUSSEX.</b>			
1530	Coll. Arm. D. 13.	Harl. MS. 1562.	<i>ut infra</i> .
1574-5	Coll. Arm. D. 11.	Harl. MS. 1484, f. 60. Add. MS. 17065. Coll. Arm. G. 18.	Sir Thos. Phillipps, 1840.
1633	Coll. Arm. C. 27.	Harl. MSS. 1562, 1084, f. 22, 1135, 1406, 4109, 1076, 1194, 6164. Bodl. Lib., Gough MS. Coll. Arm. E.D.N. 15.	Visits of Sussex, 1530, 1574 and 1633, by W. B. Bannerman in Harl. Soc. iii, 1905.

†Portion of MS. only.



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1662-8	Coll. Arm. D. 16.		Consult also Wm. Berry's Peds. of the Families of Sussex, 1830.
<b>WARWICK.</b>			
1563	Coll. Arm. G. 11.	Harl. MS. 1563.	
		Coll. Arm. F. 7; H. 12.	
1619	Coll. Arm. C. 7. (?)	Harl. MSS. 1167, 1563, 1100, 1195, f. 101.	J. Fetherston in Harl. Soc. xli, 1877.
		Calus Coll. 548.	
		Queen's Coll. 140.	
1682-3	Coll. Arm. K. 3.		Index by J. Fetherston in Harl. Soc. xli, p. vi, preface, 1877.
			Warwick Ant. Mag. 1859-60, has 14 pedigrees of this Visit.
			Geo. H. Dashwood, Stow Bardolph, 1865, printed 16 others, and J. J. Howard in Misc. Gen. et Her., 5 others, being 35 of the 103 peds.
			Index to Warw. Visits. in Harl. MSS., printed by Sir Thos. Phillipp.
<b>WESTMORELAND.</b>			
1530	Coll. Arm. D. 4.	Harl. MS. 1499.	Her. Visit. of Northern Cos by W. D. H. Longstaffe in Surtees Soc. xli, 1863.
1615		Harl. MSS. 1435, 1536.	J. G. Bell, Newcastle, 1853; also Peds. in Visits. of Cumberland and Westmoreland, 1615 and 1666, by Jos. Foster, 1891.
		Coll. Arm. Vincent.	J. Foster <i>ut supra</i> .
1664	Coll. Arm. C. 39.		
<b>WILTS.</b>			
1523	Coll. Arm. H. 20.	Phillipp's Lib.	Index by F. A. Carrington in Wilts. Arch. Mag. ii, 368, 1855.
1565	Coll. Arm. G. 8.	Harl. MS. 1565, 838, 1111, f. 28, 5184, 1443, 1181, 5781.	W. C. Metcalfe in Gen. N. S., xi, 245, 1895, <i>et seq</i> , reprinted 1897.
		Calus Coll. 543 (2)	Index by F. A. Carrington, <i>ut supra</i> , 368-74. (This gives list of the Disclaimers, which are omitted by Metcalfe.)
		Coll. Arm. Vincent 147.	

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1569*		Queen's Coll. lxxxix.	
1623	Harl. MS. 1165.	Harl. MSS. 1443, 2230, 1054. (2.) Calus Coll. 543. Coll. Arm. C. 22, E.D. N. 16. Phillipps Lib. 10487, 11342	G. W. Marshall, London, 1882; also Sir Thos. Phillipps, fol., 1828, and an index by same, 1831. Index of Withie MS. (Harl. 1443) by F. A. Carrington, <i>ut supra</i> , pp. 376-80. Index by F. A. Carrington <i>ut supra</i> p. 380. Sir Thos. Phillipps, fol. 1854.
1677	Coll. Arm. D. 28.		
<b>WORCESTER.</b>			
1530	Coll. Arm. H. 20.		
1569	Coll. Arm. D. 12.	Harl. MSS. 1566, 1043, 1352, 1486. Calus Coll. 533 (8). Queen's Coll. clxiii. Coll. Arm. G. 9, Vincent, 115. Add. MS. 19816, f. 45. b.	W. P. W. Phillimore in Harl. Soc., xxvii, 1888.  Index of names by W. P. W. Phillimore, <i>ut supra</i> , p. vi. preface. Harl. Soc. <i>in progress</i> . W. C. Metcalfe, Exeter, 1883. Midland Ant.
1574*			
1634	Coll. Arm. C. 30.		
1682-3	Coll. Arm. K. 4.	Phillipps Lib. Soc. Ant., Prattinton's MS.	
<b>YORK.</b>			
1530	Coll. Arm. D. 9.	Harl. MSS. 1499, f. 41, 1487. Coll. Arm. D. 4, E. 6, E.D.N. 4, Vincent 163. Norcliffe MS. at Langton. Coll. Arm. D. 2, D. 5. (1). Coll. Arm. G. 9, D 12. Harl. MS. 1171. Harl. MSS. 1487, 1394, 1415, 6070, 1420, 1571. Lansdown MS. 900, f. 81. Add MSS. 17065, 18011. Coll. Arm., Dugdale MS. Philpot MS. 51. P. Vincent MSS. 110, 111. Calus Coll. 575. Queen's Coll. lxxxvi.	Her. Visit. of Northern Cos. by W. H. D. Longstaffe, in Surtees Soc., xlii, 1863.  C. B. Norcliffe in Harl. Soc., xvi, 1881.  Visits. of York, 1584-5 and 1612, with additions by Jos. Foster, London, 1875.
1563-4	Coll. Arm. H. 19.		
1565*			
1575*			
1584-5	Coll. Arm. D. 5. (2)		

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<b>YORK.—(Continued)</b>			
1612	Coll. Arm. C. 13.	Harl. MS. 1487. Coll. Arm. Vincent 111.	Jos. Foster, 1875, <i>ut supra.</i>
1665-6	Add. MS. 12482.	Lansdown MS. 826, f. 100. Coll. Arm. C. 40. Durham Cath., Allan MS. 5.	R. Davies in Surtees Soc. xxxvi, 1860, and xxxvi bis, 1872, the last an index by G. J. Armytage. J. W. Clay in Gen., N. S. ix, 61, 1893, <i>et seq.</i> still in progress. (With copious addi- tions from wills, psh. regs., etc.)
			Consult also Hunter's Minorum Gentium (Add. MS. 24458), ed. J. W. Clay, in Harl. Soc., xxxvii, 1894, xxxviii, ix, 1895, xl, 1896. Chiefly Yorks. peds., but many of Cheshire, Derby, Lan- caster and other Cos.
<b>IRELAND.</b>			
CONAUGHT.	1615	Add. MS. 19836.	See also Narbon's Vis- itation of Ireland in Add. MS. 4789, fo. 40b.
DUBLIN.	1568	Ulster Office.	
	1610	Ulster Office.	
LEINSTER.	1615	Add. MS. 19836.	
MUNSTER.	1615	Add. MS. 19836.	
WEXFORD.	1618	Ulster Office.	
<b>WALES.</b>			
1630	Coll. Arm. H. 8.	Coll. Arm. Vincent, 148, F. 9.	Heraldic Visitations of Wales and Part of the Marches, between the years 1586 and and 1613. By Llewys Dwnn, Dep. Herald. Ed. by Sir S. R. Meyrick, 2 vols, 4to, 1846.
1586	Dwnn's MS. at Glanywern., Denb.†	Llynwr Achau MS.‡ at Cowbridge, Glam.	
1613		Evans MS. at Eyton   Hall, Heref.	
		Phillipps Lib.§	
		Eg. MS. 2586.	
			Peds. of Caermarthen, Cardigan and Pem- broke-shire in con- tinuation of Llewys Dwnn to 1700-10. Ed. by Sir Thos. Phillipps, 1859.

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Consult also Golden  
Grove Book, MS.  
in P. R. O., and  
Harl. MSS. 1412, 1935,  
1969, 1970-79, 2094,  
2299, 2414, 6102, 6068  
and others.

†For Cos. Cardigan, Carmathen and Pembroke only.

‡Copy about 1604 of Dwinn and Jones MSS.

¶Copy about 1685 of Dwinn for Cos. Anglesey, Carnarvon and Merioneth.

§Copy about 1711 of Dwinn for Montgomery.

||Copy about 1685 of Dwinn for Cos. Anglesey, Carnarvon and Merioneth.

The British Museum, to which I have just referred, forms a happy hunting ground for the genealogical enquirer, and the searcher, after having exhausted the printed works in the Reading Room, will pass on to the Manuscript Room, where he will find a priceless collection of unpublished material, comprising, besides the Visitations already referred to, numberless collections of antiquaries, and (be it not forgotten) many Parish Registers and Transcripts which have broken adrift from their proper moorings and finally found a safe harbor here. The officials of the Museum are most helpful, and will lend every assistance to the enquirer in searching the complicated and difficult catalogues. Access to the Museum is absolutely free, but the applicant must be endorsed by some London householder, not an hotel or boarding-house keeper, a fact which should be borne in mind and planned for, before going to London. For those who are unable to procure a card at the British Museum, and require to consult books of reference while in London, the Guildhall Library, which is absolutely free, will be found useful.

The College of Arms, or Heralds College as it is usually called, is supported entirely by fees, unlike all the other English Offices, and therefore the enquirer will often find his purse heavily taxed at this point; but many documents are to be found nowhere else. A personal introduction to some officer of the College is advised when it can be procured.

Another class of records, too generally neglected, are the Archives of the different towns, cities and guilds, in which the writer has made some of his most important discoveries. Among these the Apprentice and Burgess Books are the most valuable, the age, parentage, and place of origin of the apprentice being given in nearly all cases. These records at Bristol date from 1532,<sup>§</sup> at Southampton from 1609, Ipswich from 1538, etc.

Even more important, when they exist, are the Manor Court rolls, with the Courts Baron and Leet, which are full of information regarding the families of the tenants of the Manors, and very frequently contain wills as well. Many of these are in the Record Office and at the British Museum, but the greater number remain in the custody of the present owners of the manors, and are in consequence most difficult of access, being guarded with

<sup>§</sup>See the writer's article on the Bristol Apprentice Books, in N. E. Register, vol. iv, p. 331, 1901.

absurdly jealous care, amounting to panic in many cases, when an attempt is made to see them, the average landlord finding it inconceivable that anyone should go to such trouble and expense without some sinister motive as to the ownership of his broad acres and quaint old Manor House. Often, however, a personal introduction or tactful persuasion in an interview (there is little hope of accomplishing anything by letter) will obtain permission for examination, of which full advantage should be taken whenever possible.

Also of importance are the Quarter Sessions and the local Market Courts, or Courts of Pie Powder (i. e., *Pied Poudré*, or *Dusty Foot*), where trivial causes were tried before the local justice, the litigants coming directly from their daily avocations (whence the name), and these records often yield valuable family evidences.

Most of the counties are represented by local Record or Archaeological Societies, the indices of whose publications will always repay examination for the district in which the special quest is located. They will be found in every large library in England or America.

A fertile source of trouble to the beginner lies in the verification of the dates, Old and New Style, Regnal Years, Saints' Days, Feasts, etc. For these reference should be made to some work of authority on the subject, the most convenient for pocket use being the little "*Jubilee Date Book*."\* A more elaborate summary will be found in *Sims' Manual*.† American students may with profit consult a very able essay on the subject by Spencer Bon-sall in the *Pennsylvania Historical Magazine*.‡ Other works are *Hampson's Kalendar of the Middle Ages*,§ *Bond's Handybook*,|| and *Nicolas' Chronology of History*,|| all of which are useful and reliable. Mention should be made also of the monumental *L'Art de Verifier les Dates*.\*\*

\**Regnal Years of Kings of England*, by Walford D. Selby of P. R. O., 1887.

†*Manual for the Genealogist*, etc., by Richard Sims of Brit. Mus., 1856. App. iii to vi, pp. 472-511.

‡*Penn. Hist. Mag.*, vols. ii, 394; iii, 65.

§*Medii Ævi Kalendarium*, by R. T. Hampson, 2 vols., 1841.

||*Handybook for Verifying Dates*, by J. J. Bond, 1866.

||*Chronology of History*, by H. Nicolas, 1835.

\*\*In 18 vols., 8vo., Paris, 1818; also printed in folio.

## WALES.

The earliest Welsh Records date from 1277, after the subjection of the rising of Llewellen ap Griffydyth, when the documents known as the Welsh Rolls begin and continue until the final incorporation of the Principality with England. They contain a vast amount of personal detail.\*

In the Public Record Office the Welsh Records form a class by themselves and merit most careful examination by all interested in Welsh genealogy. Chancery Proceedings, Inquisitions Post Mortem, Plea Rolls, etc., are of equal value with the English documents.† Consult also the Golden Grove Book of pedigrees, which has a temporary place there.‡

The British Museum has a fine collection of Welsh MSS. which should be seen.‡‡

The Visitations of Wales, which were scanty, have been already noticed in the Table of Visitations on pages 70-86 q. v.

The Parish Registers of the Principality are disappointing, both from their meagre character and deficient number. List and dates of them will be found in the Abstract of Parish Registers of Great Britain, already referred to as published by the Government.\*\* The Bishops' Transcripts are also very defective.

As the Welsh Records, prior to the 16th century and even later, were written in the vernacular, it will be necessary, for those whose tree grew from a Cymric root, to secure the services of some native antiquary to whom the Welsh is still a living language and whose knowledge of the local families and traditions will be nearly as great an assistance as his linguistic abilities.

\*See extracts in Brit. Mus., Harl. MS. 320, also Calendars of Welsh Rolls, printed 1774 by Sir Joseph Ayloffe.

†See Reports of Dep. Keeper of Pub. Rec. xx, 160; xxv, 32; xxvi, 32; xxviii, 6; xxix, 49; xxx, 121; xxxi, 169; xxvvi, ap. ii, 1-548; xxxvii, ap. ii, 1-819.

‡By Hugh Thomas, 1703, now loaned to Rec. Off. by Earl of Cawdor.

‡‡See list in Gatfield's Guide, pp. 218-229.

\*\*Op. cit., page 55 note.

## SCOTLAND.

The searcher for a Scotch Ancestry has his labors lessened by the excellent arrangement and concentration of what are practically the records of the entire Kingdom at the General Register House on Princes Street, Edinburgh. Here are gathered, not alone the State Archives as at the Public Record Office in London, but also the Probate Records and the Parish Registers, all at the command of the student for trifling fees, or, if sufficient literary or historical reason can be shown, without any cost. Application should be made to the Registrar General at Edinburgh for permit for search accompanied by proper references. A very useful handbook, although now somewhat antiquated, has been printed of these records and should be consulted by the student.\*

The Probate Records, which, as always, come first in importance, differ greatly in scope from the same class of documents in England, from the fact that, until 1874, it was not possible for a Scotchman to bequeath his land. This he could dispose of only by Deed, which, after his death, was registered and gave title to his heir. Thus the Will (dealing with land) was non-existent in Scotland and only the Testament (dealing with personalty) remained, the information we are accustomed to seek in the former being found in the Sasine Records, of which hereafter.

The Probate system of Scotland differs also from that of England in that matters testamentary were released from the grip of the clergy at a much earlier date and embodied in what are known as Commissariot Courts from the time of the Reformation in the 16th Century. A few volumes of records, known as the Official of St. Andrews, are all that exist before that time and nothing earlier than 1514 has survived the wreck of the ecclesiastical edifice.

The following tables give the names and scope of these Courts and the Shires in which they had jurisdiction. It should be borne in mind that the Commissariot of Edinburgh, in its general jurisdiction extending over all Scotland, answered to the Prerogative Court of Canterbury in England, as it was supreme in respect

\*Handbook of Records in H. M. Register House, Edinburgh, Miller & Bryce, 1885.



to the minor Commissariat Courts, although even its judgments were subject to review by the Court of Sessions, which, however, did not pass sentence but remitted it to the Commissariat with instructions.†

The inferior Commissariots were originally fourteen, being one for each of the ancient Dioceses, but they have been gradually augmented to their present number.

The student will note with satisfaction that the early Indices to ALL of these are now printed.

## COMMISSARIOT COURTS OF SCOTLAND.

### I.—EARLY RECORDS—PRIOR TO THE REFORMATION.

#### BOOKS OF THE "OFFICIAL" OF ST. ANDREWS.

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| i.— <i>Liber Sentiam Officialis Sancti Andree Infra Landoniam</i> to 9 June, 1541.                           | 1515    |
| ii.— <i>Liber Actorum D. Officialis Sancti Andree Infra Landoniam</i> .                                      | 1551-53 |
| iii.— <i>Liber Sententiarum Officialis Sancti Andree Principalis</i> . From 10 Oct., 1541 to 23 Sept., 1555. | 1541-55 |
| iv.— <i>Liber Actorum Officialis Sancti Andree</i>   | 1546-48 |

### II.—GENERAL RECORDS.

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|---|------|
| Commissariat of Edinburgh.  | 1514 |
| Held General Jurisdiction over all Scotland and Locally over Counties of Edinburgh, Haddington, Linlithgow, Peebles and part of Stirling. Also Deeds 1624-1809. There are gaps 1517-1520 and 1533-1566. |      |
| Printed by Brit. Rec. Soc., xvi, 1897, vol. i, 1514-1600. By Scottish Rec. Soc., vols. i, 1514-1600; ii, 1601-1700; iii, 1701-1800.   |      |
| Commissariat of Aberdeen.   | 1721 |
| Early records destroyed by fire. Confirmations and inventories from 1715 in bundles. Printed by Scot. Rec. Soc., vol. vi.   |      |
| Commissariat of Argyle.   | 1674 |
| Has index to testaments. Inventories from 1693. Printed by Scot. Rec. Soc., vol. ix.  |      |
| Commissariat of Brechin.  | 1575 |
| Original testaments from 1596. Deeds from 1636. Printed by Scot. Rec. Soc., 1661-1664, vol. x. xiii.  |      |

†See Confirmation of Executors in the Commissariat of Edinburgh by J. J. Currie, 1890, p. 2.

<b>Commissariat of Calthness.</b>	<b>1661</b>
Has index.	
Printed by Scot. Rec. Soc., 1661-1664, vol. x.	
<b>Commissariat of Dumfries.</b>	<b>1624</b>
Original testaments from 1694. Deeds from 1678.	
Index.	
Printed by Scot. Rec. Soc., vol. xiv.	
<b>Commissariat of Dunblane and Perth.</b>	<b>1539</b>
Original testaments from 1652-1659 with index.	
Deeds from 1750.	
Printed by Scot. Rec. Soc., vol. xv.	
<b>Commissariat of Dunkeld.</b>	<b>1682</b>
Registers from 1687 only, orig. tests. from 1682	
with index.	
Printed by Scot. Rec. Soc., vol. xvi.	
<b>Commissariat of Glasgow.</b>	<b>1547</b>
Orig. tests, from 1736 only, invents. 1741. Index.	
Printed by Scot. Rec. Soc., vol. vii.	
<b>Commissariat of Hamilton and Campsie.</b>	<b>1564</b>
Act Books from 1586, Deeds 1593, Orig. tests. 1661.	
etc.	
Printed by Brit. Rec. Soc., xx,* 1898, 1564-1800.	
Also Scot. Rec. Soc., v.	
<b>Commissariat of Inverness.</b>	<b>1630</b>
Gaps from 31 Oct., 1634, to 21 Mar., 1666; 14 May,	
1670, to 4 Jan., 1676, and 9 June to 7 Oct. 1713.	
Printed by Brit. Rec. Soc., xx, 1897, 1630-1800. Also	
Scottish Rec. Soc., vol. iv.	
<b>Commissariat of the Isles.</b>	<b>1661</b>
Records for Bute and Islay with Index. Deeds	
from 1709.	
Printed by Scot. Rec. Soc., vol. xi.	
<b>Commissariat of Kirkcudbright.</b>	<b>1663</b>
Executory papers from 1663, invents, and con-	
firmations from 1809 only, with indices.	
Printed by Scot. Rec. Soc., vol. xvii.	
<b>Commissariat of Lanark.</b>	<b>1595</b>
Records and Origs. with index.	
Printed by Scot. Rec. Soc., vol. xix.	

\*See useful note in preface regarding the contents of this Commissariat by F. J. Grant, "Rothesay," the editor.

<b>Commissariat of Lauder.</b>	<b>1561</b>
Records 1561-1782 with index. Orig. 1650-1685. Tests. recorded 1649-1782. Tests. not recorded 1680-1737, 1783-1799, 1800-1822. Printed by Scot. Rec. Soc., vol. xviii.	
<b>Commissary of Moray.</b>	<b>1684</b>
Records with index. Printed by Scot. Rec. Soc., vol. xx.	
<b>Commissariat of Orkney and Zetland.</b>	<b>1611</b>
Tests. 1611-1684 with index. Deeds from 1644. Printed by Scot. Rec. Soc., vol. xxi.	
<b>Commissariat of Peebles.</b>	<b>1681</b>
Tests. from 1681, Act Book 1678-1718 with index. Printed by Scot. Rec. Soc., 1681-1699, vol. xli.	
<b>Commissariat of Ross.</b>	<b>1802</b>
All early records have perished.	
<b>Commissariat of St. Andrews.</b>	<b>1549</b>
Tests. from 1549, with index. Deeds, 1564. Printed by Scot. Rec. Soc., vol. viii.	
<b>Commissariat of Stirling.</b>	<b>1607</b>
Records 1607-1728, Orig. tests. 1616-1823, with index. Deeds from 1622. Printed by Scot. Rec. Soc., vol. xxii.	
<b>Commissariat of Wigtown.</b>	<b>1700</b>
Tests. from 1700-1823. Misc. Executory Papers 1481-1740. Printed by Scot. Rec. Soc., vols. xxiii and xxiv.	

**SCOTCH SHIRES**  
**WITH COMMISSARIOT JURISDICTION.**

<b>SHIRE.</b>	<b>COMMISSARIOTS.</b>
Aberdeen	Aberdeen, Moray, Peebles
Argyle	Argyle, Dunkeld, Ross, The Isles
Ayr	Glasgow, Kirkcudbright
Banff	Aberdeen, Moray
Berwick	Edinburgh, Lauder
Bute	The Isles
Caithness	Caithness
Clackmannan	Dunblane, Stirling
Cromarty	Ross
Dumbarton	Glasgow, Hamilton and Campsie
Dumfries	Caithness, Dumfries, Glasgow, Lanark,
Dunblane	Dunblane and Perth
East Lothian see Haddington	
Edinburgh	Edinburgh
Elgin see Moray	
Fife	Dunkeld, St. Andrews, Sterling
Forfar	Brechin, Dunkeld, St. Andrews
Haddington	Dunkeld, Edinburgh
Hebrides see Argyle, Inverness, Ross	
Inverness	Inverness, Ross
Kincardine	Aberdeen, Brechin, St. Andrews
Kinross	Dunkeld, St. Andrews
Kirkcudbright	Dumfries, Kirkcudbright, Wigtown
Lanark	Glasgow, Hamilton and Campsie, Lanark
Linlithgow	Dunkeld, Edinburgh
Mid-Lothian see Edinburghshire	
Moray	Inverness, Moray
Nairn	Inverness, Moray, Ross
Orkney	Orkney
Peebles	Edinburgh, Peebles
Perth	Dunblane and Perth, Dunkeld, Dumfries, St. Andrews, Stirling
Renfrew	Glasgow, Hamilton and Campsie

<b>Ross</b>	<b>Ross</b>
<b>Roxburgh</b>	<b>Dumfries, Lauder, Peebles, St. Andrews</b>
<b>Selkirk</b>	<b>Peebles, St. Andrews</b>
<b>Shetland</b>	<b>Orkney</b>
<b>Stirling</b>	<b>Dunblane and Perth, Glasgow, Hamilton and Campsie, Stirling</b>
<b>Sutherland</b>	<b>Caithness, Dumfries</b>
<b>Teviotdale see Roxborough</b>	
<b>Tweeddale see Peebles</b>	
<b>West Lothian see Linlithgow</b>	
<b>Wigtown</b>	<b>Wigtown</b>
<b>Zetland see Shetland</b>	

Next, if not paramount, in importance to the Probates, we have the characteristic SASINE RECORDS of Scotland, constituting an invaluable series roughly corresponding to the American Registry of Deeds, by which the possession of real estate, and of course the pedigree of its owners, can be traced with great accuracy. As has already been shown, the Scot could not bequeath his land, but, by a Deed known as *Donatio mortis causa*, could dispose of it, and this deed, if not revoked in his life time, was registered after his death and his heir thus obtained title to the property. These records date from the 16th Century. An excellent table of them will be found in Phillimore's invaluable little handbook,<sup>§</sup> which gives the dates from which they run and the lacunae in the series.

Another typical Scotch series consists of the RETOURS, which correspond to the English Inquisitions Post Mortem, but are of far greater value since they affect the entire landed property of the Kingdom, instead of only that held *in capite*, or of the King, as in the latter. Unfortunately the earliest only date from 1547, but from the 16th Century to the present time (under an altered form) they are complete. They have been printed in brief and are thus available for ready reference at all the larger Public Libraries.\*

The parish Registers of Scotland are of far less value than in England. They are irregular and scanty and the useful Bishops' Transcripts have never existed. There was no edict making the keeping of them compulsory and their very existence depended on the caprice of the Kirk Session under whose authority they were, or were not, kept by the Minister or Session Clerk.

All that still exist have been gathered in the New Register House at Edinburgh.† A detailed list of the old Parochial Registers has been printed by the Government, but, unlike the broad policy observed in the London Offices, it is not issued to the

<sup>§</sup>How to Write the History of a Family, Supplement, 1896, pp. 372-5.

\*Inquisitionum .... Retornatarum quae in Publicis Archivis Scotiae adhuc Servantur, Abbreviatio, 1547-1699, 2 vols. fol., 1811, Ditto Index 1816; Second Ser., 1700-1889.

†The industrious Scottish Record Society have printed Burials at Holyrood, 1706-1900, vol. xxv; Burials at Greyfriars, 1656-1700; Marriages at Edinburgh, 1595-1700, in progress, vol. xxvii.

public.† Fortunately its place has been well supplied by private enterprise, and the excellent little manual by that well known antiquary, William B. Turnbull,§ should be in the hands of every student of Northern genealogy. Lists have also been printed in the *Scottish Antiquary*.‡

The lax laws of the country in regard to marriages are so well known that I need only allude to them here. The result has of course been to make it exceedingly difficult to trace the matches in most Scotch families, as well as to tempt many eloping couples across the border from the Northern Counties of England.

The Kirk Session Records, still in local custody, may also be examined with profit where the Parish Registers fail to furnish the information desired. The TEIND OFFICE, at the Registry House, is also useful as giving the tithes of each parish, but they are very imperfect before 1700.

Lyon Office, in the New Register House, answers to the College of Arms at London and dates from the 14th Century, but, except a few rolls of Arms of the 16th\* and a larger number of the 17th Century, there are no registers before 1672. From that date they have been printed‡ and are readily accessible. The Visitations, as of the English Counties, do not exist.

Many other documents, Exchequer Rolls, Treasurers' Accounts, Court of Sessions and its early predecessor, the Lords Auditors' Acts,†† are worthy of attention and will be readily found at the Register House by the aid of the courteous and helpful curators.

The Burgh Records, Indenture Books, etc., should be seen, although they are, for the most part, fragmentary. The Aberdeen Indentures date from 1622‡‡ and form a good example of

†It may be found at the British Museum, however, and other libraries.

§Parochial Registers of Scotland by William B. Turnbull, Edinburgh, 1849. This supplies many facts lacking in the official list.

||Op. cit. vols. i, ii, iii.

\*Scottish Arms, 1370-1678, by R. R. Stodart, 2 vols. fol., 1881, and Sir David Lyndsay's Heraldic Manuscript, Edinburgh, fol., 1878.

‡By Mr. Balfour Paul, Lyon King of Arms.

††Acta Dominorum Auditorum, 1466-1494, fol., 1839, and Acta Dominorum Concilii, 1478-1495, fol., 1839, have been printed.

‡‡See Scottish Notes and Queries, x. 163 *et seq.*, 1896-7.

this class of records, those of Edinburgh date from 1582 and will shortly be printed.\* The searcher must not forget that the British Museum and the Record Office contain many early documents relating to Scotland, among which may be cited the Claus Rolls. Reference should be made to the many works published on Scottish genealogy. Consult also the chapters on the subject in Sims' and Phillimore's works, so often cited.

\*By Scot. Rec. Soc., vol. xxviii.



## IRELAND.

In Ireland as in Scotland, the work of the searcher is greatly simplified by the concentration of the records, all of them, with the exception of the Deeds and a few of the parish registers, being gathered together at the Four Courts\* on Kings' Inn Quay in Dublin but, on the other hand, he is liable to bitter disappointment in the scanty character of the records so found, the turbulent condition of the country having discouraged their keeping, as well as leading to the destruction of many which were kept.

Application for search permit should be made to the Deputy Keeper and every facility will be afforded the searcher for the prosecution of his investigations. The accommodations of the Search Room leave something to be desired, consisting only of standing room at a long desk or counter with the Will Indices on shelves within easy reach of the worker, but those whose labors extend over days or weeks of time will find that they can obtain desk, chair *and quiet* in an inner office through the courtesy of the officials. *Crede experto.*

Here, as elsewhere, the wills should claim first attention and the following table will aid the stranger to readily locate the Dioceses in which he will require to search for a given locality.† He must also bear in mind the fact that the Prerogative Court, like that in London, extends over ALL the minor Courts and should be seen in any and all cases. Few wills will be found, however, before the 17th Century. A small number (about 100) unproved wills exist 1797 to 1847‡ and a very few of those of the great nobles and chiefs, from the 15th Century, may be found in the Libraries of Trinity College and the Royal Irish Academy. A few unproved wills relating to land may also be found at the Deeds Office.‡

In the Tables which follow will be found the Diocesan Jurisdiction of the different counties and the condition of the Diocesan Records themselves, on the same plan as the English and Scotch tables heretofore given and they will, it is believed, prove equally useful to the student.

\*So called from having been erected for the Courts of Queen's Bench, Chancery, Exchequer and Common Pleas.

†Consult also Dep. Keeper's Rep., iv, which gives an excellent map of the Probate Districts.

‡See Index in Dep. Keeper's Rep., xiv.

**THE COUNTIES OF IRELAND  
AND THE  
DIOCESAN JURISDICTION OF SAME.**

<b>COUNTY.</b>	<b>DIOCESE.</b>
Antrim	Connor, Derry, Down, Dromore
Armagh	Armagh, Dromore
Carlow	Leighlin
Cavan	Ardagh, Meath, Kilmore
Clare	Killaloe and Kilfenora, Limerick
Cork	Cork and Ross, Cloyne, Ardfert
Donegal	Clogher, Derry, Raphoe
Down	Connor, Down, Dromore, Newry and Mourne
Dublin	Dublin
Fermanagh	Clogher, Kilmore
Galway	Clonfert, Elphin, Killaloe, Tuam
Kerry	Ardfert
Kildare	Dublin, Kildare
Kilkenny	Leighlin, Ossory
Kings	Clonfert, Kildare, Killaloe, Meath, Ossory
Leitrim	Ardagh, Kilmore
Limerick	Cashel and Emly, Killaloe, Limerick
Londonderry	Armagh, Connor, Derry
Longford	Armagh, Meath
Louth	Armagh, Clogher, Drogheda
Mayo	Killala and Achonry, Tuam
Meath	Armagh, Kildare, Kilmore, Meath
Monaghan	Clogher
Queens	Dublin, Kildare, Leighlin, Ossory
Roscommon	Ardagh, Clonfert, Elphin, Tuam
Sligo	Ardagh, Elphin, Killala
Tipperary	Cashel, Killaloe, Waterford and Lismore
Tyrone	Armagh, Clogher, Derry
Waterford	Waterford and Lismore
West Meath	Ardagh, Meath
Wexford	Dublin, Ferns
Wicklow	Dublin, Ferns, Leighlin

**WILL INDICES**  
**IN PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE, DUBLIN.**

<b>DIOCESE.</b>	<b>DATE.</b>
Achonry. See Killala.	1698
Achadoe. See Ardfert.	1690
Ardagh.	1695
Ardfert and Achadoe.	1690
Armagh (2 vols.).	1677
Cashel and Emley.	1618
Clogher.	1661
Clonfert.	1663
Cloyne.	1621
Conner (2 vols.).	1622
Cork and Ross.	1548
Derry.	1615
Down.	1659
Drogheda (at end of Vol. II. of Armagh).	1691
Dromore.	1678
Dublin Diocesan Registry.	1638
There are Probates and Admons, but only one will prior to 1661. There are many gaps in the Records.	
Printed as Appendix to xxvi Report of Dep. Keeper of Pub. Records in Ireland 1895.	
Elphin.	1650
Emly. See Cashel.	1618
Ferns.	1601
Ireland. Prerogative Court of Archbishop of Armagh, Primate of all Ireland.	1536
Had jurisdiction in all parts of Ireland where bona notabilia exceeded £5 value.	
Printed by Sir Arthur Vicars, Ulster King of Arms, Dublin, 1897. (There are omissions in this printed index and, in all important cases, the original Calendars should be seen.)	
Kildare.	1661
Killala and Achonry.	1698
Kilfenora. See Killaloe.	1653
Killaloe and Kilfenora.	1653
Kilmore.	1682
Leighlin.	1652

Limerick.	1615
Lismore. See Waterford.	1652
Meath.	1572
Mourne. See Newry.	1727
Newry and Mourne.	1727
Ossory.	1536
Raphoe.	1684
Ross. See Cork.	1548
Tuam.	1648
Waterford and Lismore.	1652

### ADMON. BOND INDICES

#### IN PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE, DUBLIN.

Ardagh.	1697
Ardfert. See Clonfert.	1738
Armagh and Drogheda.	1742
Cashel and Emly.	1644
Clogher.	1660
Clonfert with Killala, Limerick and Ardfert in one vol.	1738
Cloyne.	1630
Connor.	1679
Cork.	1612
Derry.	1698
Down.	1711
Drogheda. See Armagh.	1742
Dromore.	1742
Dublin.	1697

The Dublin Admon Bonds were not published with the Will indices in the Dep. Keeper's Report xxvi. and must be sought in the originals.

Elphin.	1726
Emly. See Cashel.	1644
Ferns.	1765
Kildare. <i>None extant.</i>	....
Killala. See Clonfert.	1771
Killaloe.	1704
Kilmore.	1728
Leighlin.	1694
Limerick. See Clonfert.	1789
Lismore. See Waterford.	1661

<b>Meath.</b>	<b>1663</b>
<b>Mourne. See Newry.</b>	<b>1811</b>
<b>Newry and Mourne.</b>	<b>1811</b>
<b>Ossory.</b>	<b>1660</b>
<b>Raphoe.</b>	<b>1684</b>
<b>Tuam.</b>	<b>1720</b>
<b>Waterford and Lismore.</b>	<b>1661</b>

Ireland is fortunate in the possession of a fine Registry of Deeds which dates from 1708 and will be the next objective of the student after he has exhausted the wills. It is located at Queen's Inn, Henrietta Street, not far from the Four Courts. No permit is required here, but a fee of 2s. 6d. is charged for each visit to the Registry, which may occupy an entire day and cover as much ground as the searcher pleases.

Parochial Registers in Ireland do not possess the great value which they do in England, as they are very fragmentary and, without the great centers of population like Dublin, Cork, Londonderry, etc., where life and property were comparatively safe, they are non-existent before the 18th century or, in most cases, the early 19th. Many of these are in the Four Courts, but a larger number still remain in local custody. A complete list of all, with their dates, has been printed and should be consulted.\*

Of the Roman Catholic Registers, which naturally embrace the greater part of the population, there exists no official list or account whatever. They must be sought for in local custody in all cases and as there is no law compelling their exhibition or regulating the fees which may be charged, it will be necessary for the searcher to make an arrangement with the Parish Priest in each case. My own experience has been one of almost uniform courtesy and helpfulness.

From Dublin northward there will also be found many families of Scotch Presbyterians and Quakers and for these we must see still another class of parish records. The former will be found in loco and must be hunted down seriatim as required. In the General Assembly Building at Belfast will be found most of the ancient records of the local Sessions from which impor-

\*Dep. Keeper's Rep., xxviii., App. II, pp. 57-108.

tant personal memoranda may be obtained and at the same place information may be gathered as to the location and keepers of the registers.

The Presbytery of Londonderry also possesses ancient records which may be consulted. Magee College at Londonderry has some Parish Registers, but they are not in the Catalogue and must be enquired for. The Records of the Synod of Ulster have been published and give lists of Ministers and Elders of great value.

The Quaker Registers for Ireland will be found at 6 Eustis Street, Dublin, but they are not so well kept or complete as those in London. The French Huguenot Registers will be found in the Four Courts.†

Marriage Licences are at the Four Courts. An index to those of the Diocese of Dublin has been printed,‡ others are in progress of indexing.¶

It will be only necessary to briefly call attention to the many other records at the Four Courts—Chancery Proceedings from 1537, Fines 1576, Hearth Tax 1666, Incumbrance Rolls 1704 (for Roman Catholic Families), Patent and Close Rolls from the time of the Edwards, Attainders, Fiant\* Inquisitions Post Mortem from about 1558,†† etc., etc. The valuable reports of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records, to which frequent reference has been already made, should be consulted carefully, being an indispensable guide in the work.

Ulster Office at Dublin Castle contains many valuable records which should not be overlooked, MS. Pedigrees of Irish families, grants and confirmations of Arms, Funeral Certificates,‡† etc. There are also Visitations for Dublin in 1568 and 1610 and for Wexford 1618. No others have been preserved at Dublin but some will be found at the British Museum and perhaps in other collections.¶† Information on this point is greatly to be desired.‡

Beside the fine National Library on Leinster Street (hours 10 to 10 on week days) the searcher will consult the collections

†See Dep. Keeper's Rep., xxviii, 6.

‡See Dep. Keeper's Rep. xxiv.

¶See list and progress of these in Dep. Keeper's Rep., xxviii, 36.

\*Calendars ptd. in Dep. Keeper's Rep., 1558-1608, index xxi and xxii.

††Copies of these are also at the College of Arms in London.

‡†Calendars for Leinster and Ulster have been ptd. by the Rec. Com.

‡See Table of Visitations under England, p. 70-86

‡See Notes and Queries, II Ser., i, 429.

of Trinity College and the Royal Irish Academy at No. 19 Dawson Street. An introduction is necessary at the two former, but the Academy is free to all (12 to 4.)

Those who are so fortunate as to trace their ancestry back far enough to connect with the ancient families of the Island will find in the five great books of pedigrees a continuation of their line to an incredibly early period—of these the Book of Leinster (date 1150) will be found at Trinity College, and the Books of Ballymote (1391), Lecan (1390), Peregrene O'Clery (1032), and Dunald Mac Firbis (1650, copy only) in the Academy. They are all in the Erse language and will require the services of a native expert scholar to translate.

The Public Record Office at London contains much relating to Ireland, notably the Irish Rolls, temps. Edward III., Close Rolls, etc. In the MS. Room at the British Museum will also be found many documents of interest and value beside the Visitations already cited.

**PROBATE AND DIOCESAN REGISTRIES  
IN ENGLAND.**

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In the Tables which follow I have endeavored to give a brief conspectus of the existing conditions and the facilities for work in the various Local Courts of Probate and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction throughout England, particularly with a view to economy of precious time by avoiding the "Early Closing Days," which vary in the different offices.

Of course ALL offices are closed on the regular Legal Holidays, and these are therefore omitted as understood.

Most offices require notification in advance of the visit of a Literary Searcher, and it is always best to give such notice and secure a seat, even where the accommodation is liberal and the official courteous, as otherwise the expense of a wasted journey and lost time may be entailed.

These details are compiled from the answers received to letters addressed to every one of the Registrars throughout the Kingdom; where the particulars are lacking (as is too often the case) I can take no blame to myself therefor, but in some instances, where my last personal visit to the Registry has been very recent, I have supplied them from my own note books.

I shall be under obligation to all kind friends of our guild who will correct errors and supply lacunae of all kinds.

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**PROBATE REGISTRIES.  
IN ENGLAND.**

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REGISTRY.	HOURS.	CLOSED.	ACCOMMODATION.
<b>BANGOR.</b> High Street	10 to 3	Saturday at 1.	Two seats.
<b>BLANDFORD.</b>	10 to 4	Wednesday all day.	
<b>BODMIN.</b>	10 to 4	Wednesday after 1. Easter Tuesday.	



**PROBATE REGISTRIES.  
IN ENGLAND.  
(Continued.)**

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<b>REGISTRY.</b>	<b>HOURS.</b>	<b>CLOSED.</b>	<b>ACCOMMODATION.</b>
<b>BIRMINGHAM.</b>			
<b>BRISTOL.</b> Broad Street			Standing room for 3 or 4.
<b>BURY ST. EDMUNDS.</b> Churchyard	10 to 4	Saturday after 1.	No special provision.
<b>CANTERBURY.</b>	10 to 4	Thursday after 1.	
<b>CARLISLE.</b> 26 Abbey Street	10 to 4	Saturday after 1.	No special provision.
<b>CARMARTHEN.</b> King Street	10 to 4	Saturday after 1.	One seat only.
<b>CHESTER.</b> 11 Whitefriars	10 to 4	Saturday after 1.	Standing room at counter only.
<b>CHICHESTER.</b>			
<b>DERBY.</b> 37 St. Mary's Gate	10 to 4	Saturday after 1.	
<b>DURHAM.</b> North Bally	10 to 4		Every facility pro- vided.
<b>EXETER.</b>			
<b>GLOUCESTER.</b> Pitt Street	10 to 4	Thursday after 1.	Two seats.
<b>HEREFORD.</b>	10 to 4	Thursday half day.	
<b>IPSWICH.</b> 13 Museum Street			
<b>LANCASTER.</b>			
<b>LEICESTER.</b> Newark Street	10 to 4	Saturday after 1, Easter and Whit- mondays and Tues- days.	One seat.
<b>LEWES.</b> 2 Albion Street	10 to 4	Saturday after 1.	

**PROBATE REGISTRIES.  
IN ENGLAND.  
(Continued.)**

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REGISTRY.	HOURS.	CLOSED.	ACCOMMODATION.
<b>LICHFIELD.</b>			
<b>LINCOLN.</b>			
<b>LIVERPOOL.</b>			
<b>LLANDAFF.</b>	10 to 4	Saturday after 1.	Accommodation for Literary searchers provided.
<b>LONDON.</b>			
Somerset House Room 8 (Registered Wills and Admons. only.)	10.30 to 2.30*	Saturday after 1. Six weeks of long Vacation, August† and September then 10.30 to 2 until October.	Fourteen seats by special appointment beforehand.
Somerset House Room 32 (Provincial Courts and Original Wills and Admons. only.)	10.30 to 2.30*	As in Room 8.	One seat only by appointment, two weeks or more in advance.
<b>LONDON.</b>			
Diocesan Registry St. Paul's Chyd. (Cons. of London wills, 1362-1559 only.)			Fees demanded on everything seen.
<b>MANCHESTER.</b>	10 to 4	Saturday after 1, Good Friday to Easter Tuesday.	Ample provision.
186 Deansgate			
<b>NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.</b>			
<b>NORTHAMPTON.</b>	10 to 5	Thursday half day.	One seat.
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\*Nominal hours are 10 to 3, but the lethargic service of the morning and the eager attention to replacing the books in the afternoon, make the real working time of the office as given.

†Closes some time between Aug. 1st and 12th.

**PROBATE REGISTRIES.  
IN ENGLAND.  
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REGISTRY.	HOURS.	CLOSED.	ACCOMMODATION.
<b>NORWICH.</b>			
<b>NOTTINGHAM.</b> Queen Street	10 to 4	Saturday after 1.	Ample room.
<b>OXFORD.</b>			
<b>PETERBOROUGH.</b> New Road	10 to 4	Thursday half day.	
<b>SALISBURY.</b>			
<b>ST. ASAPH.</b>			
<b>SHREWSBURY.</b>			
<b>TAUNTON.</b>			
<b>WAKEFIELD.</b> King Street	10 to 4		Every assistance given.
<b>WELLS.</b> Cathedral Close			
<b>WINCHESTER.</b> 4 St. Peter's Street	10 to 4	Thursday all day.	One seat.
<b>WORCESTER.</b> East of Cathedral	10 to 4		One seat.
<b>YORK.</b>	10 to 4	Saturday after 2.	Three seats.

**DIOCESAN AND DEED REGISTRIES.  
IN ENGLAND.\***

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REGISTRY.	HOURS.	CLOSED.	ACCOMMODATION.
<b>BANGOR.</b> In office of A. I. Pryce, Solicitor.	10 to 5.30	Saturday half day.	
<b>BEVERLY.</b> Well Lane (Deeds for York, East Riding.)	10 to 4	Saturday after 1.	
<b>BRISTOL.</b>			
<b>CANTERBURY.</b> 15 Burgate Street	10 to 4	Thursday after 1.	Ample room.
<b>CARDIFF.</b> 13 Castle Street			
<b>CARLISLE.</b>			
<b>CHESTER.</b> Abbey Gateway Northgate Street	10 to 4	Only on Holidays.	Ample accommoda- tion.
<b>CHICHESTER.</b>			
<b>DURHAM.</b>			
<b>ELY.</b>			
<b>EXETER.</b> Palace Gate			
<b>GLOUCESTER.</b> Pitt Street	10 to 4	Thursday after 1.	One seat only.
<b>HEREFORD.</b> 37 Bridge Street	10 to 4	Thursday half day.	No special seats.
<b>LAUNCESTON.</b> Exeter Street	9.30 to 6	Thursday half day.	
<b>LEWES.</b> 213 (?) Street	10 to 5	Saturday half day.	As required.
<b>LLANDAFF.</b>			
<b>LICHFIELD.</b>			No accommodation.

\*Deed Registries exist ONLY for the Counties of Middlesex and York.

**DIOCESAN AND DEED REGISTRIES.  
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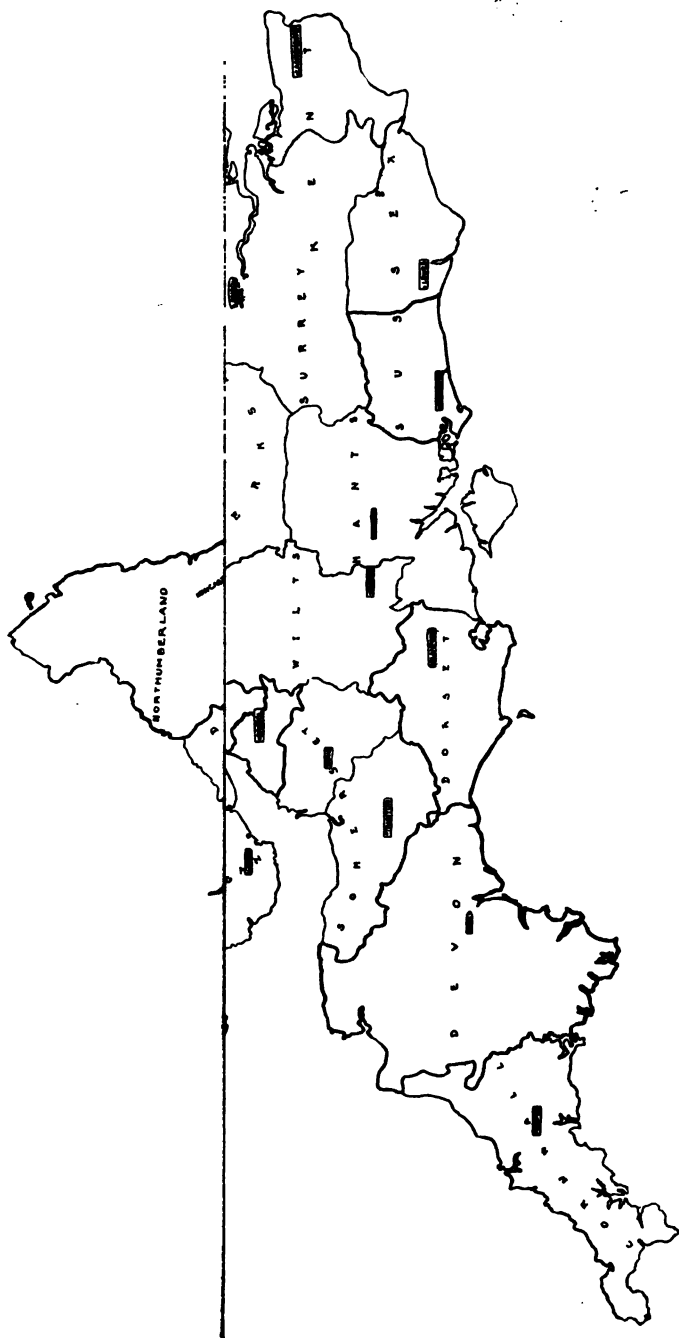
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REGISTRY.	HOURS.	CLOSED.	ACCOMMODATION.
<b>LINCOLN.</b>			
<b>LIVERPOOL.</b>	10 to 4	Saturday after 1.	
1 South John Street			
<b>LONDON.</b>			
Consistory Court			
St. Paul's Churchyard			
Faculty Office			
Knightrider Street			
Vicar General			
Deans Court			
2 Creed Lane			
Doctor's Commons			
<b>LONDON.</b>			
Great James Street			
Bedford Row W. C.			
(Deeds for Middlx.)			
<b>MANCHESTER.</b>			
51 South King Street			
<b>NEWCASTLE.</b>			
<b>NORTHALLERTON.</b>	10 to 4	Saturday after 1.	Six seats.
Zetland Street		Whit-Tuesday and	
(Deeds for York,		four Mondays in	
North Riding.)		August.	
<b>NORWICH.</b>	10 to 4	Thursday half day.	Two seats.
Next Cathedral			
<b>OXFORD.</b>			
<b>PETERBOROUGH.</b>			
<b>RIPON.</b>			
<b>ROCHESTER.</b>			
<b>SALISBURY.</b>	10 to 4	Saturday after 2.	Three seats.
Bishops' Walk,			
The Close			

**DIOCESAN AND DEED REGISTRIES.  
IN ENGLAND.  
(Continued.)**

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REGISTRY.	HOURS.	CLOSED.	ACCOMMODATION.
<b>SOUTHWELL.</b> The College All Saints', Derby			
<b>ST. ALBANS.</b>			
<b>ST. ASAPH.</b> High Street	10 to 4	Saturday after 1.	Three seats.
<b>ST. DAVIDS.</b>			
<b>TRURO.</b>			
<b>WAKEFIELD.</b> Bank House Burton Street			
<b>WAKEFIELD.</b> Kirkgate Street (York Deeds, West Riding.)	10 to 4	Saturday after 1 and Whit-Tuesday.	Ample room.
<b>WELLS.</b>			
<b>WINCHESTER.</b> 5 St. Peter Street	10 to 4	Thursday afternoon.	Special room for searchers.
<b>WORCESTER.</b> Edgar Tower	10 to 5		One seat.
<b>YORK.</b> Minster Yard	10 to 4	Saturday after 2.	One seat.
<b>YORK (Deeds).</b> East Riding. See <b>BEVERLY</b> North Riding. See <b>NORTH ALLERTON</b> West Riding. See <b>WAKEFIELD</b>			



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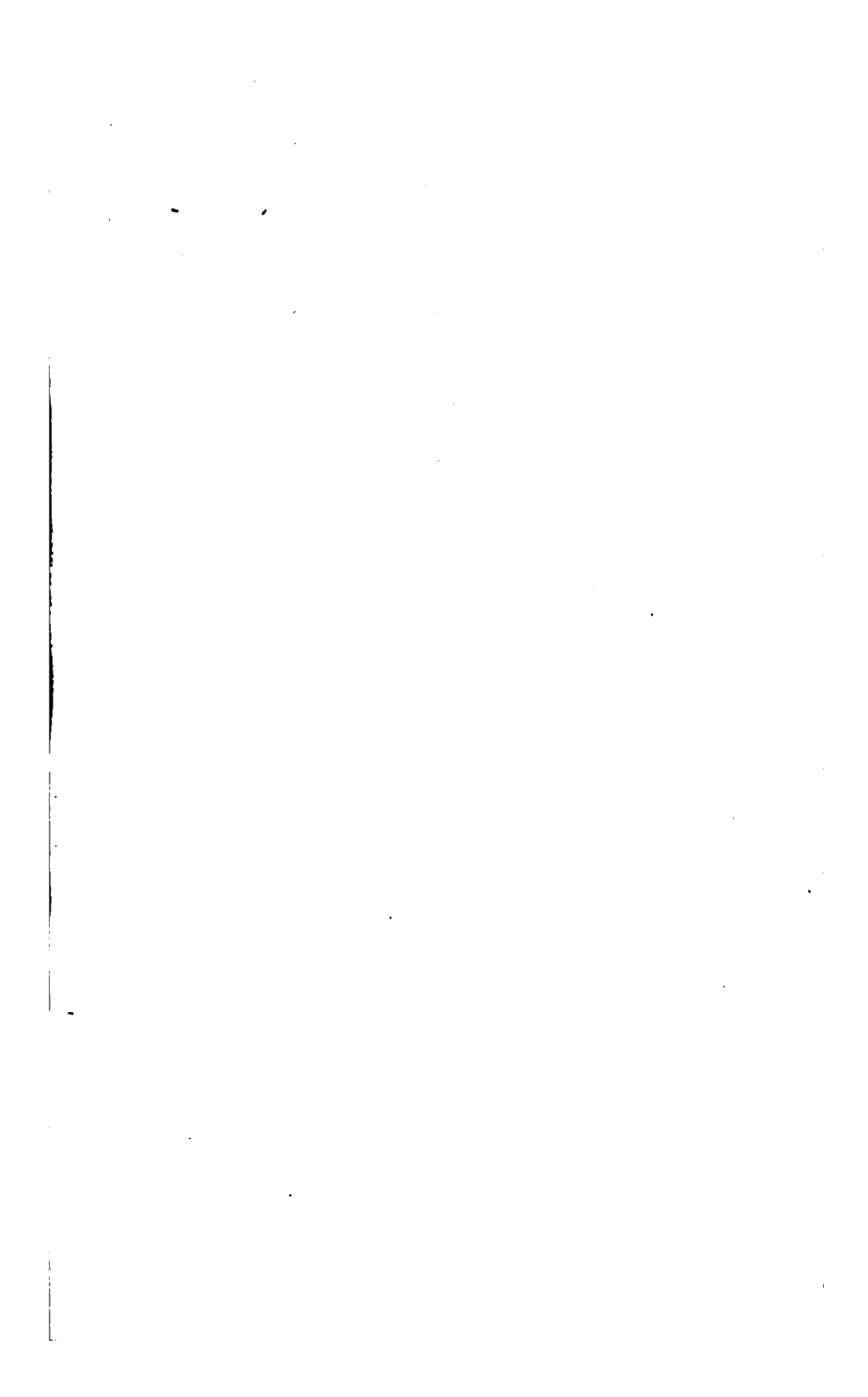
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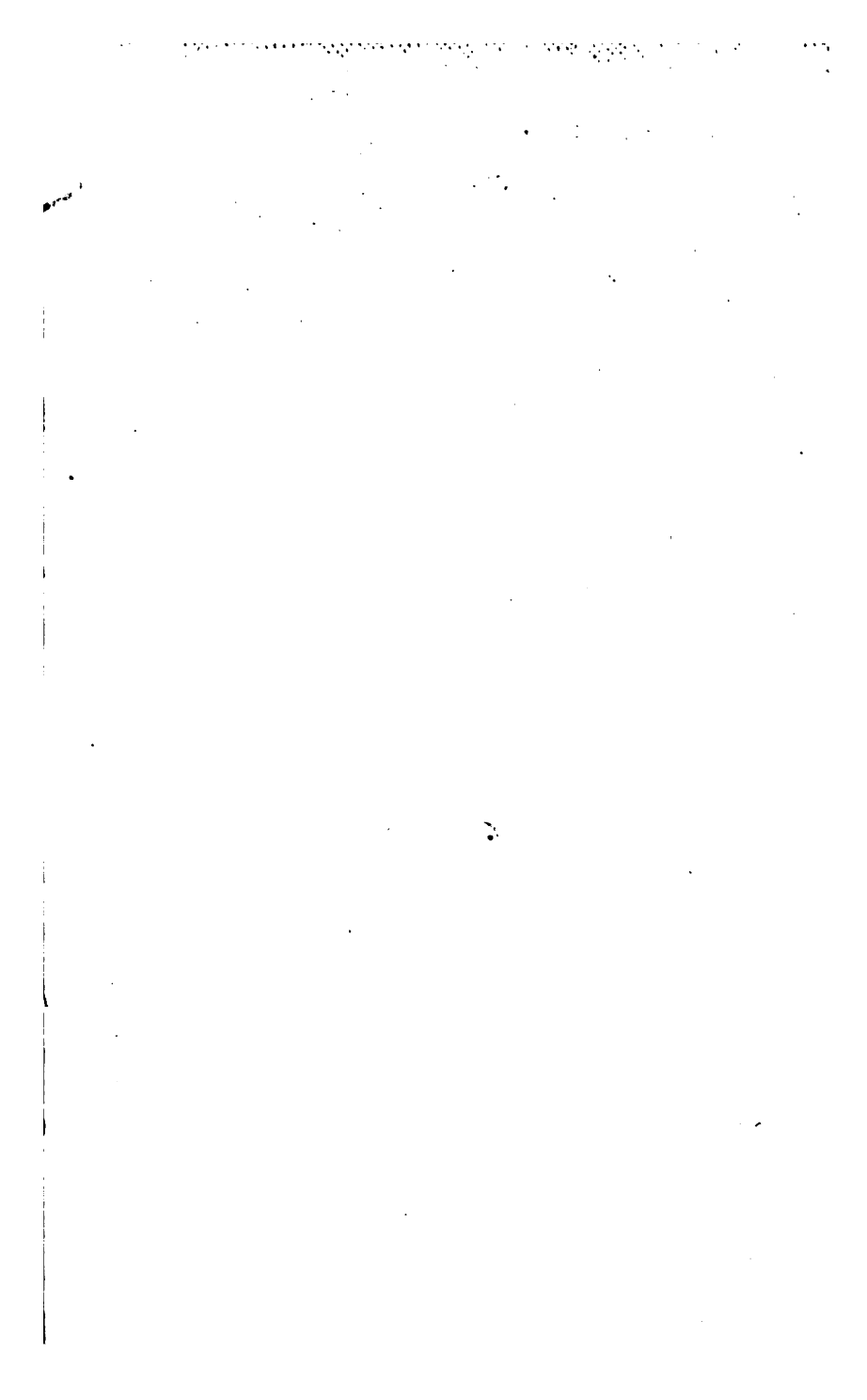
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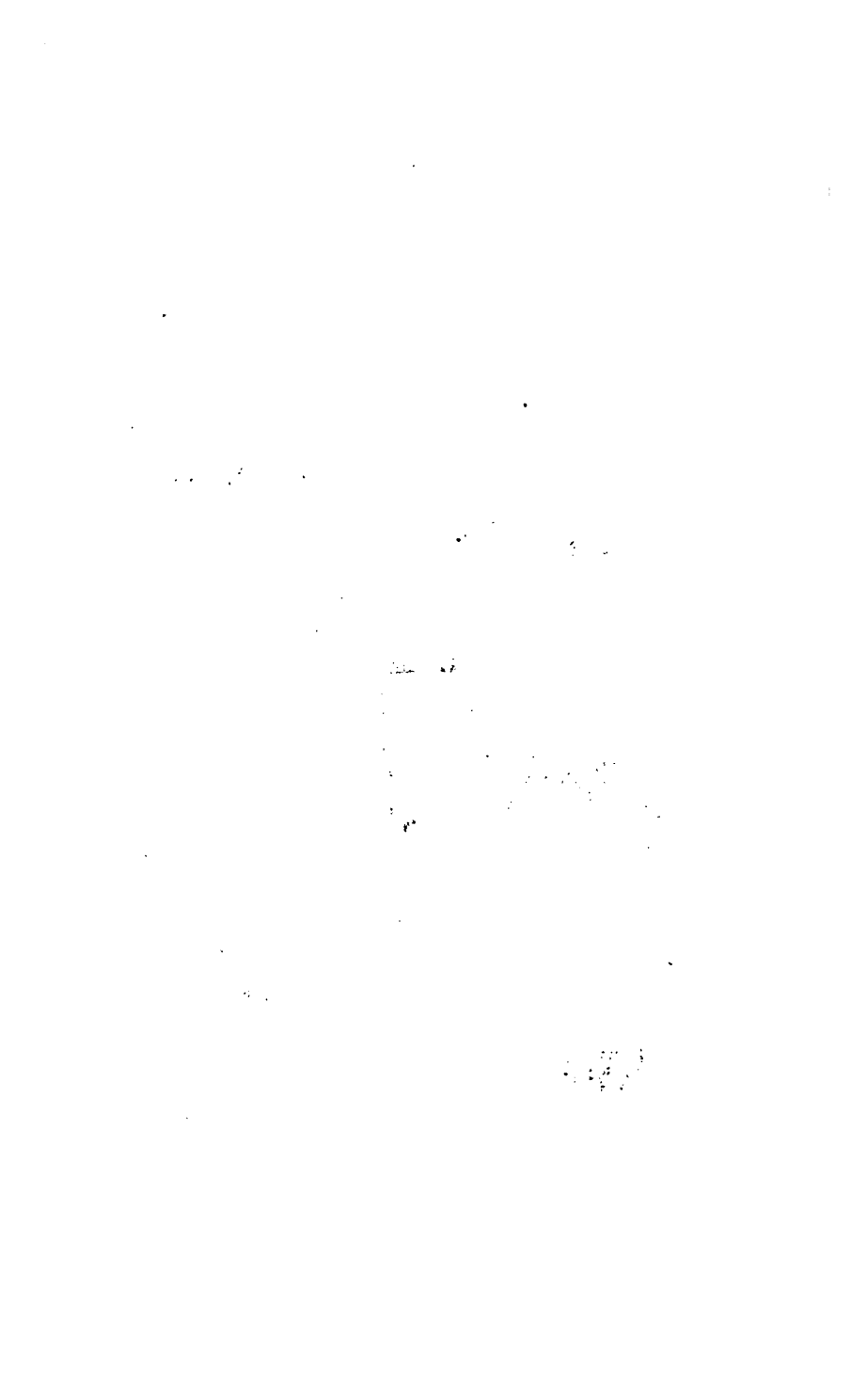




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